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THE

NASBY LETTERS.

BEING THE ORIGINAL NASBY LETTERS, AS WRITTEN DURING HIS LIFETIME,

—BY—

DAVID ROSS LOCKE,
("PETROLEUM V. NASBY.")

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INTRODUCTION.

The great majority of the Nasby letters were never printed save in the columns of the Toledo Blade, in which they originally appeared. After the death of Mr. D. R. Locke, we received many requests to know where the letters might be obtained in book form. We referred these to the publishers of such of the earlier letters as had ever been printed in volumes; but the demand has increased lately for a volume which should contain not only the earlier letters, but those of later years, up to the final one ever written. The following volume has been compiled in response to this demand.

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Some Little Account

of the

Author of "Nasby Letters."

David Ross Locke was born in Vestal, Broome Co., New York, September 20, 1833. His father, Nathaniel Reed Locke, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The son came by his political and other notions honestly, as the father was a staunch anti-slavery man as far back as 1830, long before there was any organized opposition to the great curse. He was one of the organizers of the Liberty party, and was among the first to join the Republican party when it was founded in 1853. The son entered the printing office of the Democrat, at Cortland, New York, in his eleventh year, and did what very few boys are doing now, learned a trade thoroughly.

Then followed the regular period of "tramping;" and in his wanderings he visited all the cities of the country, either as a journeyman printer, or reporter and writer upon newspapers. His experiences during this period of his life were like that of all others of the craft. He saved no money, indeed saving money was not his object. He was finishing his education. He saw men and mixed with them, and widened and broadened himself, that he might be fit for the work that was to follow. Traveling through the Southern States confirmed him in his anti-slavery sentiments, and a trip through what was then the West, determined him upon finally settling in that portion of the country. It must be remembered Ohio in those days was a long way west.

In 1852 he left the Pittsburg (Pa.) Chronicle, on which he had been employed, and went with Mr. James G. Robinson to Plymouth, Ohio, where the two, without capital or anything else but capacity for work, started the Plymouth Advertiser, a paper which is still in existence. This was about as desperate an enterprise as two young men could possibly have engaged in, but both wanted a start in life, and were prepared to do any amount of labor and take any and all chances. There had been a half dozen attempts to publish a paper in the brisk little village, but all had failed, the projectors invariably leaving in debt. The young men had $42 in cash between them, but it proved enough. They bought a second-hand outfit, they did their own work, they edited the paper, set the type, did the press work and everything else, and they soon got the confidence of the people. After two years of hard work, averaging at least sixteen hours a day, they sold out, with the magnificent sum of $1,000 between them. They had capital, and what was better than capital, credit. They made friends, and found no difficulty thereafter when they made a change, in bettering their condition.

Subsequently Mr. Locke became interested in the Mansfield Herald, the Bucyrus Journal, the Bellefontaine Republican and the Findlay Jeffersonian, all of which he made successful.

It was in Findlay, Ohio, that he commenced the "Nasby" letters, which have since bcome known wherever the English language is spoken. The first was a satire upon the secession of South Carolina, and as a matter of curiosity we reproduce it. Wingert's Corners was a small hamlet in Crawford County, Ohio, which was intensely disloyal. The citizens of the little village and the county about were, almost to a man, secessionists, which made the dating at that point of the first letters of the long series, very proper.

WINGERT'S CORNERS SECEDES.

Wingert's Corners, March the 21st, 1861

South Carliny and sevral other uv the trooly Dimecratic States hev secesht—gone orf, I may say, onto a journey after ther rites.

Wingert's Corners, ez trooly Dimecratic ez any uv em, hez follered soot.

A meetin wuz held last nite, uv wich I wuz chairman, to take the matter uv our grievances in2 consideration, and it wuz finally resolved that nothin short uv seceshn wood remedy our woes. Therefore the follerin address wich I rit, wuz adoptid and ordered to be publisht:

TO THE WORLD.

In takin a step wich may, possibly, involve the State uv wich we hev bin heretofore a part into blood and convulshuns, a decent respeck for the good opinion uv the world requires us to give our reasons for takin that step.

Wingert's Corners hez too long submitted to the imperious dictates uv a tyranikle government. Our whole history hez bin wun us aggreshn on the part uv the State, and uv meek and pashent endoorence on ours.

It refused to locate the State Capitol at the Corners, to the great detriment uv our patriotic owners uv reel estate.

It refused to gravel the streets uv the Corners, or even re-lay the plank road.

It refoosed to locate the Penitentiary at the Corners, notwithstandin we do more towards fillin it than any town in the state.

It refoosed to locate the State Fair at the Corners, blastin the hopes uv our patriotic groserys.

It located the canal 100 miles from the Corners.

We never hed a Guvner, notwithstanding the President uv this meeti has lived here for yeers, a waitin to be urged to accept it.

It hez compelled us, yeer after yeer, to pay our share uv the taxes.

It hez never appinted any citizen uv the place to any offis wher thef was possible, thus wilfully keepin capital away from us.

It refoosed to either pay our rale-rode subscripshun or slackwater our river.

Therefor, not bein in humor to longer endoor sich outrajes, we declare ourselves Free and Independent uv the State, and will maintain our position with arms, if need be.

There wuz a lively time next day. A company uv minit men wuz raised and wun uv 2-minit men. The seceshn flag, muskrat rampant, weasel couchant, on a field d'egg-shell, waves from both groserys. Our merchants feel hopeful. Cut orf from the State, direct trade with the Black Swamp follers; releest from his indebtedness to Cinsinati, he will again lift his head. Our representative hez agreed to resine—when his term expires.

We are in earnest. Armed with justice and shot-guns, we bid the tyrant defiance.

P. S.—The feelin is intense—the children hev imbibed it. A lad jest past displayin the seceshn flag. It waved from behind. Disdainin concealment, the lion-hearted boy wore a roundabout. We are firm.

N. B.—We are still firm.

N. B., 2d.—We are firm, unyeeldin, calm and resoloot.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

The second was written under these circumstances:

In 1861 the Democracy of Ohio were, or pretended to be, in a terrible state on the negro question. They asserted in the same breath:—

1. That the negroes liberated by the armies of the Republic would come north in great masses and, as they would not labor when free, would be a tax upon the people as paupers.

2. That as the negroes would work cheaper than the whites it would throw all the honest white laborers out of employment.

Therefore they petitioned the legislature to pass laws preventing negroes from coming into the State, and also to provide for the removal of those already there.

And to make the matter entirely absurd, they employed to circulate this petition one Levi G. Flenner, a hanger-on of the Democratic party of the county, a man who never did a stroke of work in his life. The following is the letter bearing upon this curiously absurd action of a curiously absurd party. It required no especial talent to satirize such a movement. The names in the latter part of the letter were those of colored men of property and standing, residents of Findlay, Ohio. Their financial and business standing in the community was so immensely superior to that of the majority of the rabid secessionists who proposed to drive them out, that the satire did not need to be explained in that locality. One of them remarked to Flenner, the man who circulated the petition asking for their removal:—"Look heah, Levi, ef yoah don' stop boddering us niggahs, we'll make up a puss and buy out de Dimocrisy ob dis county and hab a little peece."

NEGRO EMIGRATION.

Wingert's Corners, April the 2d, 1862.

There are now 15 niggers, men, wimin, and childern, or ruther, mail, femail, and yung, in Wingert's Corners, and yisterday another arrove. I am bekomin alarmed, for, ef they inkreese at this rate, in suthin over sixty years they'll hev a majority in the town, and may, ef they git mean enuff, tyrannize over us, even ez we air tyrannizin over them. The danger is imminent! Already our poor white inhabitants is out uv employment to make room for that nigger; even now our shops and factories is full uv that nigger, to the great detriment uv a white inhabitant who hez a family 2 support, and our poor hows and jail is full uv him.

I implor the people to wake up. Let us hold a mass meetin to take this subgik in2 considerashen, and, that business may be expeditid, I perpose the adopshen uv a series uv preamble and resoloosheus, suthin like the follerin, to-wit:

Wareas, We vew with alarm the ackshun uv the President uv the U. S., in recommendin the immejit emansipashun uv the slaves uv our misgided Suthern brethrin, and his evident intenshun uv kolonizin on em in the North, and the heft on em in Wingert's Corners; and

Wareas, In the event of this imigrashun, our fellow-townsman, Absolum Kitt, and uthers, whose familis depend upon their labor for support, wood be throde out of employment; and

Wareas, When yoo giv a man a hoss, you are obleeged to also make him a present uv a silver-platid harnis and a $350 buggy, so ef we let the nigger live here, we are in dooty bound to let him vote, and to marry him off-hand; and

Wareas, When this stait uv affairs arrives our kentry will be no fit place for men uv educashen and refinement; and

Wareas, Eny man hevin the intellect uv a brass-mounted jackass kin easily see that the 2 races want never intendid to live together; and

Wareas, Bein in the magority, we kin do as we please, and ez the nigger haint no vote he kant help hisself; therefore be it

Resolved, That the crude, undeodorized Afrikin is a disgustin obgik.

Resolved, That this Convenshun, when it hez its feet washed, smells

sweeter nor the Afrikin in his normal condishun, and is there4 his sooperior.

Resolved, That the niggers be druv out uv Wingert's Corners, and that sich property ez they hev accumulatid be confiscatid, and the proseeds applide to the follerin purposes, to wit:

Payment uv the bills uv the last Dimekratik Centrel Committee.

Payment uv the disinterestid patriots ez got up this meetin.

The balence to remane in my hands.

Resolved, That the Ablishnists who oppose these resolushens all want to marry a nigger.

Resolved, That Dr. Petts, in rentin a part uv his bildin to niggers, hez struck a blow at the very foundashens uv sosiety.

Fellow whites, arowz! The enemy is onto us! Our harths is in danger! When we hev a nigger for judge—niggers for teachers—niggers in pulpits—when niggers rool and controle sosiety, then will yoo remember this warnin!

Arouse to wunst! Rally agin Conway! Rally agin Sweet! Rally agin Hegler! Rally agin Hegler's family! Rally agin the porter at the Reed House! Rally agin the cook at the Crook House! Rally agin the nigger widder in Vance's Addishun! Rally agin Missis Umstid! Rally agin Missis Umstid's childern by her first husband! Rally agin Missis Umstid's childern by her sekkund husband! Rally agin all the rest uv Missis Umstid's childern! Rally agin the nigger that cum yisterday! Rally agin the saddle-culured girl that yoost 2 be hear! Ameriky for white men. PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

These letters sprang at once into an immediate popularity. They were read and commented upon from one end of the country to the other. Stump-speakers used them, newspaper editors and everybody else who had anythings to do with politics, drew inspiration from them, and they became at once a part of the political literature of the day. Abraham Lincoln was so fond of reading them that he kept a pamphlet edition of them in his table drawer. George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln, said in a speech at Cooper Union, New York at the close of the war, that the crushing of the Rebellion could be credited to three forces, the Army, Navy, and the Nasby Letters; and Charles Sumner thought so much of them that he asked the privilege of writing an introduction to a compilation of the series in a large volume. Mr. Blaine always quoted from them regularly, as did every man of note or no note in the Republican party.

The question is asked of the Blade a thousand times a year as to the origin of the Nasby letters. It is a question very difficult to answer. Like Topsy, they "were never borned—they grew." They were based upon the natural condition of things at the time. There never was an actual living model for Nasby nor any of the other characters surrounding him. Nasby was the representative of the whisky-drinking, corner-grocery statesmen who have always infested the country, and who, doubtless, always will, till the millenium comes.

There never was any exaggeration in these portraitures. It is true that during the war wagon-loads of women made parts of processions at Democratic meetings with banners over them inscribed, "White husbands or none!" as though no matter whether the "nigger" was freed or kept in slavery, they had no option as to whether they would marry white or black men. It is true that the stock argument against the war was "nigger" supremacy, as though three millions of negroes could possibly have gained supremacy over forty-five millions of whites. The dread of the "nigger" was what maintained the Democratic party during the war and five years after, and Mr. Nasby and his confreres were simply the besotted Cross-Roads politicians who took advantage of the feeling to advance their own interests.

In October, 1865, Mr. D. R. Locke removed to Toledo, Ohio, and assumed charge of the Toledo Blade, and the Nasby Letters thereafter appeared regularly in its columns until the death of their author, February 15, 1888. This volume contains selections from the entire series, adapted to show the field covered by them in the quarter of a century during which they were issued.

THE NASBY LETTERS.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND "NASBY."

The first collection of Nasby letters published was a 64-page pamphlet, issued in 1864, which bore the brief title, "The Nasby Papers. Letters and Sermons containing the Views on the Topics of the Day of Petroleum V. Nasby, 'Paster of the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.'"

It was a copy of this little brochure which is referred to in the following account of President Lincoln's high appreciation of the wit and humor of Nasby, which is extracted from a letter, printed in the year 1865 in the New York Independent, written by Frank B. Carpenter, the artist, who was an inmate of the White House for several months, while engaged in painting the great historic canvas, "The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation." Mr. Carpenter enjoyed very intimate personal association with Mr. Lincoln, as the following extract shows:

"The Saturday evening before President Lincoln left Washington, to go to the front, just previous to the capture of Richmond, I was with him from seven o'clock till nearly twelve. It had been a very hard day with him. The pressure of office-seekers was greater at this juncture than I ever knew it to be, and he was almost worn out. Among the callers that evening was a party composed of a Senator, a Representative, an ex-Lieutenant Governor of a Western state, and several private citizens. They had business of great importance, involving the necessity of the President's examination of voluminous documents. Pushing everything aside he said to one of the party, 'Have you seen the Nasby Papers?' 'No, I have not,' was the answer. 'Who is Nasby?' 'There is a chap out in Ohio,' returned the President, 'who has been writing a series of letters in the newspapers over the signature of Petroleum V. Nasby. Some one sent me a pamphlet collection of them the other day. I am going to write to "Petroleum" to come down here, and I intend to tell him if he will communicate his talent to me, I will swap places with him!' Thereupon he arose, went to a drawer in his desk, and taking out the 'letters,' he sat down and read one to the company, finding in their enjoyment of it the temporary excitement and relief which another man would have found in a glass of grog! The instant he had ceased, the book was thrown aside, his countenance relapsed into its habitual serious expression, and the business was entered upon with the utmost earnestness."

The following, pertaining to the same subject, is from the introduction, written by Hon. Charles Sumner, the great Senator from Massachusetts, to a volume of Nasby letters published in the year 1872:

"Beyond the interest in these letters as another instance of a peculiar literature,—illustrated by Major Jack Downing, Sam Slick, and the genius of Hosea Bigelow,—they have an historic character from the part they performed in the war with slavery, and in advancing reconstruction. Appearing with a certain regularity and enjoying an extensive circulation, they became a constant and welcome ally. Unquestionably they were among the influences and agencies by which disloyalty in all its forms was exposed, and public opinion assured on the right side. It is impossible to measure their value. Against the devices of

slavery and its supporters, each letter was like a speech, or one of those songs which stir the people. Therefore they belong to the political history of this critical period.

"Of publications during the war, none had such charm for Abraham Lincoln. He read every letter as it appeared, and kept them all within reach for refreshment. This strong liking illustrates his character, and will always awaken an interest in the letters. An incident in my own relations with him shows how easily he turned from care to humor.

"I had occasion to see President Lincoln very late in the evening of March 17th, 1865. The interview was in the familiar room known as his office, and also used for cabinet meetings. I did not take leave of him until some time after midnight, and then the business was not finished. As I rose, he said, 'Come to me when I open shop in the morning; I will have the order written, and you shall see it.' 'When do you open shop?' said I. 'At nine o'clock,' he replied. At the hour named I was in the same room that I had so recently left. Very soon the President entered, stepping quickly with the promised order in his hands, which he at once read to me. It was to disapprove and annul the judgment and sentence of a court martial in a case that had excited much feeling. While I was making an abstract of the order for communication by telegraph to the anxious parties, he broke into quotation from Nasby. Finding me less at home than himself with his favorite humorist, he said pleasantly, 'I must initiate you,' and then repeated with enthusiasm the message he had sent to the author: 'For the genius to write these things I would gladly give up my office.'

"Rising from his seat, he opened a desk behind, and, taking from it a pamphlet collection of the letters already published, proceeded to read from it with infinite zest, while his melancholy features grew bright. It was a delight to see him surrender so completely to the fascination. Finding that I listened, he read for more than twenty minutes, and was still proceeding when it occurred to me that there must be many at the door waiting to see him on graver matters. Taking advantage of a pause, I rose, and, thanking him for the lesson of the morning, went away. Some thirty persons, including senators and representatives, were in the ante-chamber as I passed out.

"Though with the President much during the intervening time before his death, this was the last business I transacted with him. A few days later he left Washington for City Point, on the James River, where he was at the surrender of Richmond. April 6th I joined him there. April 9th the party returned to Washington. On the evening of April 14th the bullet of an assassin took his life.

"In this simple story Abraham Lincoln introduces Nasby.

"CHARLES SUMNER."

"Washington, April 1st, 1872."

The copy of this pamphlet referred to by both Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Sumner is now in the possession of the Locke family. It was given by Col. John Hay, who was one of Lincoln's private secretaries, to Mr. D. R. Locke, after the death of the martyred Emancipator, and prized by him as a priceless treasure. It bears unique evidence of frequent reading by Mr. Lincoln. It was evidently kept lying open on his desk, and several times, when he had written something, the open page of the pamphlet was used as a blotting-pad. A photographic reproduction of its 46th page is given, showing its use as a blotter. That page is a portion of the Nasby letter entitled, "Has An Interview With the President," dated "Nov. 1, '63." It purports to narrate a conversation between Mr. Lincoln himself and Nasby; and one can imagine the President laughing over the absurd 'follerin trifling changes" in the "polisy" of the "goriller."

The dedication of the little pamphlet is so unique that it is herewith reproduced:

DEDIKASHEN.

To that Sterlin Patryot and unkorruptible chrischen gent'eman, Fernandywood, uv New York;

To that hi-toned man and wool-dyed Dimokrat, Franklin Peerse, uv Noo Hampshire;

To that long-suffrin but pashent Dimokrat, Jesse D. Brite, uv Injeany, whose highest recommendashun is that he wuz eckspelled from a Ablishu Senit, but who wood hev resined hed ther ever bin a presedent fer a Dimokrat resinin; and

To the grate Vallandygum, uv Ohio, who went to the stake with a kamness onparrallelled fer prinsipple,

These book is respectfully dedikated, by

THE ORTHER.

Parsonage, Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.
Wingert's Corners, O., Aug. 1, 1864.

Fernando Wood was a leading Democratic politician of New York city. In 1861, when the secession of the Southern states was foremost in public attention, he recommended that New York secede and become a free city. He was one of the few Democratic Representatives in Congress, serving from December 7, 1863, to March 3, 1865, and noted for his Copperhead views.

Ex-President Franklin Pierce lived in retirement at Concord, N. H., through the war, but there was much feeling against him during these exciting times because his course as President had been one of subservience to the arrogant slaveocracy of the South, and he had signed the Kansas-Nebraska bill, which organized those territories and opened them to slavery. Pierce's view was that slavery was imbedded in and guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, and that therefore it was the duty of the national government to protect it.

Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, served in the United States Senate from 1845 to 1862. He was a Democrat who, in the slavery struggle preceding the war, voted persistently with the Southern pro-slavery Democrats on all questions involving slavery, and when the war came on, sympathized with the South. He was a "Copperhead" of the deepest dye. Charges of disloyalty were preferred against him, and he was expelled from the United States Senate, February 5, 1862, by a vote of 32 to 14.

Clement L. Vallandigham, of Dayton, Ohio, was a politician belonging to the extreme state rights wing of the Democratic party. He was a Representative in Congress from 1858 until March 3, 1863, and was conspicuous after the war began for his bold utterances against the efforts of the government to suppress the rebellion. After his time in Congress expired, he made numerous Copperhead speeches, attacking the administration with great bitterness. General Burnside, then commander of the Department of the Ohio, regarded these utterances as affording aid and comfort to the rebels. and issued an order declaring that any persons within his department who committed certain specified acts for the benefit of the enemy should be tried as spies and traitors. Vallandigham replied to this order on May 1 in a defiant speech, and Burnside ordered his arrest. He was tried by court-martial, convicted of treasonable utterances, and sentenced to close confinement during the war. President Lincoln changed the sentence to banishment across the lines. He was sent south into the Confederate lines, but being received coldly by the rebel leaders, he went to Bermuda, and thence to Canada. While there he was nominated for governor by the Ohio Democrats, but was defeated, Brough, the Republican candidate, having over 100,000 majority. He returned to Ohio after this, the national government ignoring him, and was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at Chicago in 1864, which nominated General McClellan for President on a platform which declared the war a failure. The pertinence of the above dedication can be seen from these facts concerning the five men.

The pamphlet begins with the second Nasby letter, given in the introduction to this volume, pages 3 and 4, and embodies those published up to some time in February, 1864. The following are the more notable letters contained in it:

ORGANIZES A DEMOCRATIC CHURCH.

(The New York Argus and New York Day Book were Democratic newspapers, and very outspoken in their sympathy with the Southern cause. The term "Butternut" was applied, as a term of derision, by all sympathizers with the Union, to those Democrats who were opposed to the war. This was in allusion to the color of the home-made and home-dyed uniforms of the Confederate troops in the West, which was that of the butternut—somewhat lighter than walnut. The Democrats adopted the term, and many wore pins or badges made by sawing a thin slice crosswise from a butternut, and then polishing both sides.)

Wingert's Corners, Joon 6, 1863.

Nuthin hez dun so much agin the Dimocrisy ez churches, skool-houses, Sundy-skools, preachers and sich. Here, our people hev awoken to the dangerous tendencies uv sich instooshns, and hev set about viggerously to suppress 'em. Ez this work is what my hart delites in, I organized the pious portion uv the Dimocrisy, that we mite do our work well and thorough. When my jigantic intellek hez a chanse, the work is shoor to be well done, and I hev the satisfaction uv announsin the complete destruction uv two churches, the drivin off 5 preachers, and the frightnin uv many wimin.

But my mission is not alone to tear down—I bild up. The ijee segestid itself to my fertile mind that a strikly Dimekratic Church and Sundy Skool wood not only help the cause, but afford me an easy livin. It wuz dun, and I am reglarly installed ez the paster uv the First Dimekratic Church uv Ohio.

The follerin is the order uv exercises:

1. People assemble at the second tootin uv the horn.
2. Readin uv one uv the follerin passages uv Skripter:—9th chapter uv Jennysis, wich relates the cussin uv Canaan, provin that niggers is Skriptoorally slaves, and the chapters about Hayger and Onesimus, wich proves the Fugitive Slave Law to be skriptooral. (The rest uv the Bible we consider figgerative, and pay no attenshun to, watever.)
3. Singin—"O we'll hang Abe Linkin on a sour apple tree," or some other improvin ode, hevin a good moral.
4. Readin extrax from the Noo York Argus.
5. Singin—"O John Brown's body hangs a danglin in the air."
6. Readin from the Day Book.
7. Lecture on whatever phase uv the nigger question may seem appropriate.

We hev also organised a Sundy Skool on a pure basis. I spent much time in gittin up a katekizm, uv wich the follerin is a sample:

Q. Wat is the cheef end uv man?

A. To whale niggers and vote the Dimekratic tikkit forever.

Q. Wat do the Skripters teach?

A. That a angel sent Hayger back to her mistress, that Paul sent Onesimus back, and "Servance obey yoor masters."

Q. Who wuz Onesimus and Hayger?

A. Onesimus wuz a mulatter, and Hayger a octoroon.

Q. Wat is sin?

A. Skratchin a ticket.

Q. Who compose the Dimocratic trinity?

A. Vallandygum, Brite and Fernandywood.

Q. Wat is the first duty uv man?

A. To beware uv Ablishn lies, to rally to the poles, to wote early, and to bring in the agid, the infirm and the ideotik.

To stimoolate the infant mind I hev institootid a system uv rewards ez follows:

For committin 2 verses uv Vallandygum's address, 1 beer check, good at the Corners; 5 verses, 2 checks; 12 verses, 4 checks, and to the child hevin the most verses, a copper-mounted butternut pin.

We had a festival yesterday. The tables wuz bounteously spred with boloiy, liver-worst and crackers, wile a barl uv native whisky furnisht the flooids nessary. It wuz a techin site to see the mothers with maternal solissitood, a mixin Nacher's Great Restorer with water and sorgum sirup, to adapt it to the infantile stumick. Fer my part I alluz take mine strait.

I bleeve good will be accomplisht. Last week in makin a pastorel visit jest about noon to the house uv wun uv my flock, who hez fine poultry, I wuz amoosed at hearin a meer infant only three years uv old, swingin his little hat, and cryin, "Hooraw fer Jeff Davis." It wuz tetchin. Pattin the little patriot on the head, I instantly borrowed five cents uv his father to present to him.

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GOES ON WITH HIS CHURCH.

Church uv St. Valandygum, June 10, '63.

We hed a blessid and improvin time yisterday. My little flock staggered in at the usual hour in the mornin, every man in a heavenly frame uv mind, hevin bin ingaged all nite in a work uv mercy, to wit: 2 mobbin uv 2 enrollin officers. One uv em resisted and they smote him hip and thigh, even ez Bohash smote Jaheel. (Skriptooral, wich is nessary, bein in the ministry.) He wuz left fer dead.

We opened servis by singin a hym, wich I writ, commencin es follows:

"Shel niggers black, this land possess,
And mix with us up here?
Oh no, my frends, we rayther guess,
We'll never stand that 'ere.

I then held forth from this text:—"Whar hev ye laid him?" I statid that the person I referred to wuz the marterd Vallandygum, and I, in behaff uv a outraged Dimocrisy, demanded uv the tyrant Linkin, 'Whar hev yoo laid him?" A unconvertid individooal sed, "He's laid him out!" wich remark cost him a broken head. I went on to show why our saint hed bin martered. It wuz becoz he wuz a Dimocrat—becoz he dared to exercise the rites garanteed to every American, exceptin Ablishnists and niggers, uv aboosin the Guverment. this and nuthin else wuz he eggisled. "My frends," sez I, drawin myself up to my full hite, and lookin ez much like Fernandy Wood ez possible, "I am willin to be marterd. I denounce this war as unholy, unconstooshnel, unrighteous and unmittygated. It is nuthin less than invashen uv Dimocratik states, fer the sole purpus uv freein niggers. Linkin is a tyrant, Burnside a tool, order 38 a relik uv barberism, and I will resist the enrollment, the conskripshen and the tax. Hooray fer Jeff Davis!!"

Our class-meetin wuz more interestiner than ever. One old, white headed brother sed that at times his way was dark, and his pathway gloomy. Wunst he wuz very near becomin a infiddle. He reely believed at one time that the nigger was human, and wunst he voted fer a Republican road Supervisor. But he hed repented, and was, he trusted, forgiven. His mind wuz now easy, and he should vote the whole Dimocratic tickit.

Two backsliders who scratched their tickits last fall, confest their sin publicly. I exhorted em two hours, fined em a gallon uv whisky apeece, and took

em into full communion. The whisky will be devotid to the missionary service, wich is me.

This is a deliteful feeld uv labor. At the Corners they give me sech flooids ez I need, at all the doggeries but one, and at that one they trust me, wich amounts to the same thing. I hev borrid uv my flock over 60 dollars already. It is a rich feeld, and wun which will endoor much workin. My nose is deepnin in color every hour.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

OBSERVES A DAY OF FASTING.

Church uv St. Valandigum, July 20, '63.

Yesterdy wuz set apart by my congregashen, ez a day uv fastin and humiliashen fer our misforchunes at Gettizberg, and the loss uv Port Hudsen and Vixburg. I ishood the follerin direxshens fer the proper observance uv the fast, to-wit:

1. Nip before breckfust not 2 eckseed two jills.
2. Fer breckfust no animil food permitted, ceptin ham and eggs, beef, etc.
3. Fer dinner, ditto, supper same ez on uther daze.
4. Beer 2 be taken by the single glass, and pretzels 2 be eten without salt on em.
5. These rules to be void in the case uv peepil over 35 and invalids, who may hev ther sustainin flooids ez usual.

I preecht frum this text, "O mi sole why art thow cast down." I told em we wuz cast down becoz uv Meed's whippin Lee, becoz uv Grant's takin Vixburg, and Banks' takin Port Hudson. That's what's the matter with us. That's what hez cast a shadder over owr countnansis, and changd the hew uv our nozis from the brilyunt crimsun to the gastly bloo! The flattrin hopes uv a successful invashen uv the North is dasht—likewise the releef uv Vixburg, and now to fill our cup uv sorrer, Jon Morgin's command is destroyd. But still, my freends, ther is a silver linin 2 evry clowd wich is poetry. Ther is wun ray uv hope amid all this gloom. I allood to the lait constooshnel demonstrashens in Noo York. Ther wuz a victory! The draft books wuz destroyed and the drafit wuz stopped. But ther wuz a bigger triumph than stoppin the draft. Niggers wuz killd—the prowd Anglo-Saxn riz in his mite and stoned the niggers! Halleloojy! At this pint sum av the awjence becum sleepy, and to arowse them I becum faseshus. Why, sez I, wuz the Dimocrisy who mauld the niggers in Noo York, a most ennerjetic and perseverin people? Becoz, anserd I, they left no stone unturned 2 effect their purpus. The ijee uv interdoosin conundrums in2 tho pullpit is orijenel with me. I closed by exhortin uv em too stand firm. Ef we kin elect Vallandigum we may yet check the Fedral Guvment in its victorus carere. With Ohio all rite fer constooshnal rites, the game uv subjoogashen wood be playd out. Let us, sed I, never falter nor faint, but press onnard 2 to the mark uv or hy callin. Ez the Isrelites threw down the walls uv Gerryko by blowin ram's horns, so kin we by blowin our horns throw down the walls uv this Abolishn Gerryko. Blow you horns, my breethrin, for whoso bloweth not his own horn the same shall not be blown, but whoso bloweth his own horn the same shall be blown with a muchness.

We took a enumerashen uv owr church with a vew to the draft, with the follerin result:

Hole number uv male members	200
Over 45	50

Under 18..... 50
Badly rupcherd, and utherwise diseasd..... 92
Gone to Canady 2 visit ther uncles..... 8

We air esy in our minds on this subjic.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

A CONFESSION OF FAITH.

(In this letter "Pooh" means a small-fry Democratic politician of Cincinnati, named Pugh, who made boastful threats that the Ohio Democrats would rise, and bring Vallandigham back in triumph from Canada. The Crisis was a Copperhead weekly paper, published in Columbus, Ohio, by Samuel Medary, an old-time Democratic politician, which had for a time a large circulation. The story that Vice President Hannibal Hamlin was a mulatto was devoutly believed by the ignorant classes of the South and the corresponding class of Democrats in the North.)

Church uv St. Vallandigum, Orgust 31, '63.

We hed the glorusist kind uv a seesun yisterdy. The winders wuz opend and a showr uv pure Dimecratic grace desendid upon us and we wus blest. Glory! We reseeved into our Zion 18 young men who reseevd the faith by inheritance, ther fathers hevin alluz voted the strait ticket. The follerin is the Confeshun uv Faith too wich they subscribed:

Queshun—Dostest thow bleeve that Canaan wuz doomd to bondig becoz uv Noer's gittin tite; that Hayger and Onezimus prove the skriptoorality of the fugytiv slaiv law; that taken ez a hull they show that the ketchin uv niggers with dorgs is commendible and evangelikle?

Dostest thow bleeve that the present war is unconstooshnel and unholy; that it wuz brot on by the Abolishnists interferin with slaivry; that the bombardment uv Sumter wuz rite, tho hasty?

Dostest thow bleeve that Linkin is a tyrent and usurper; that he hed no rite too subjoogate the Sowth; that his callin out troops wuz unconstooshnel; and that everything he hez dun, since the war begun, is likewise unconstooshnel?

Dostest thou bleeve that Vallandigum wuz sent in2 the world to save the Dimocratic party; that in doin it he wuz arestid at Dayton, tride afore Ponteus Burnside, and sent sowth; that after 3 months he riz agen in Canydy, whense he shel cum ez soon ez hese electid, and Pooh goes after him with 300 thowsan?

Dostest thow take the Crisis?

Dostest thow bleeve that the Sentrel committis is the sole dispenser uv opinyun, and wiltest thow alluz yawp wen they wink?

Dostest thow bleeve that skratchin a tickit is the onpardonable sin?

Dostest thow bleeve that this war wuz got up to free niggers, and that today, Linkin hez 75,000 niggers in Ohio, a feedin on fride oysters and hot punch?

Dostest thow bleeve that Lee is the greatest gineral uv the age, and that all reports uv Fedral victries is lies?

Dostest thow bleeve Ben Butler's a beast, and Hamlin a mulatter?

Wiltest thow pledge yurself 2 oncompremisinly oppose yure sisters marrying niggers, no matter how much they want to?

2 all uv these questuns the candidates anserd, "I dost." Bro. Tuttle extendid the rite hand uv fellowship—Bro. Huff sold eech uv em a copy uv Vallandigum's Record, and after making a X to their names, wich I hed prevusly ritten in our church book, they wuz made members of my flock.

The coz is prosperin. We commense a series uv revival meetins next week,

and hev made extensiv prepparashns therefor. 10 barls uv condenst Dimocrisy, 20 barls uv beer, and 300 yards uv bolony hez bin pervided. Ther will be a outporin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

WAILETH.

Church uv St. Valandygum, October 14, '63.

I'm sad—and waxed. My hed is a fountin uv teers, and mine eyes distil diloötid corn-joose. My hart is lead, and my sole is pot-bellied with greef. My lims ake with woe, my manly form is bowd, and my venrable lox is turnd white. O, Valandigum, thow hast gon to the grave, and in the same toom is berrid all my hopes. Adoo, vane world, adoo! I'll be a nunnery.

The fait uv the peeple uv Ohio is seeld. Valandigum,

"Our chosin standerd-barer,"

Is not only a exile far away, but ther is a cheerful prospek, wich is daily improvin, uv his continnerin in the exile biznis fer an indeffynit peryod uv time. A tyrannikle Presydent hez taken our old habis corpusses from us, and persistently refuses to furnish us new wuns—and the peeple hevin acqwiest by their votes, we lay bound hand and foot Men fleein from conskripshen and sich, kin be seezd and dragd in2 slavery—cavelry drest in odjus bloo hez license to hunt the pantin fugitive, who, after drawin his bounty and pay, changis his mind and desires to return to the buzem uv his family, and the shootin uv enrollin orfisers and tax assessors will now be considerd a crime. Alas!

The news affectid me variously. I h-d our township all fixt, hevin distribbitid tikkits, and knowin nun uv em cood skratch em, ez they don't rite enny. I reseevd the returns with a gratifide smile. "Bless yoo, my children. you hev dun nobly," sez I. Presently a currier arrived, bringin the disturbin intellygens that the Northren countis giv Bruff 30 thowsen, and 2 minnits thereafter another arrivd statin that the Suthrin countis had got loonatik and given Bruff 35 thowsend. With a harterendin and sole tarin shreek, I fell a inannymait corps on the flore. * * * * I awoke. A oder uv suthin natrel filled the room, givin me life agin. It wuz whisky. The worthy woman to whose house I borde, hed bin rubbin the soles uv my feet with a jug, and givin me small dosis uv the Restorer thro a funnel. Her exershens restord me to life agen.. I presume the fact uv my owin six months board did not nerve her frajile arm. It wuz revrens.

Despondent and weery uv life, I attempted sooiside. I mixt my licker fer a day; I red a entire number uv the Crisis; I peroozed "Cotton is King," "Pulpit Pollytiks," and "Valandigum's Record," but all in vane. Ez a last desprit resorce, I attemptid to pizon myself by drinkin water, but that faled me. My stumick rejected it—I puked.

I am 2 much prosteraitd to offer either advise or consolashen to my Dimecratic frends. We air in a stait uv abgect cussitude. To see Waid and Chaise, and Oen Luvgoy, and that 3 ply Abolishnist Horis Greely, feelin good, is prusic asid and strick9 to us. I shell seek releef from my sorrers in the floin bole.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

The above closes the selections from the pamphlet, which embrace all the letters of permanent value contained therein. The following letters, as far as "Nasby as a Banker," comprise a selection of those most characteristic up to the period of the greenback delusion.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Church uv St.————, Nov. 1, '63.

I felt it my dooty to visit Washington. The misarable condishon the Dimocrisy finds themselvs into sinse the elecshun, makes it nessary that suthin be did, and therefore I determind to see wat cood be effectid by a persnel intervew with the Presdent.

Interdoosin myself, I opened upon him delikitly, thus:

"Linkin," sez I, "ez a Dimocrat, a free-born Dimocrat, who is prepared to die with neetnis and dispatch, and on short notis, fer the inalienable rite uv free speech—knoin also that you er a goriller, a feendish ape, a thirster after blud, I speek."

"Speek on," sez he.

"I am a Ohio Dimocrat," sez I, "who hez repoodiatid Valandigum."

"Before or sinse the elecshun, did yoo repoodiate him?" sez he.

"Sinse," retortid I.

"I thot so," sed he. "I would hev dun it too, hed I bin you," continued he with a goriller-like grin.

"We air now in favor uv a wiggerous prosecushen uv the war, and we want you to so alter yoor polisy that we kin act with yoo, corjelly," sez I.

"Say on," sez he.

"I will. We don't want yoo to change yoor polisy, materially. We air modrit. Anxshus to support yoo we ask yoo to adopt the follerin triflin changis;

Restoar to us our habis corpusses, as good ez new.

Arrest no moar men, wimmin and children, fer opinyun's saik.

Repele the ojus confisticashen bill, wich irrytaits the Suthern mind and fires the Suthern hart.

Do away with drafts and conskripshens.

Revoak the Emansipashen proclamashen, and give bonds that you'll never ishoo a nother.

Do away with tresury noats and sich, and pay nothin but gold.

Protect our dawters frum nigger eqwality.

Disarm yoor nigger sojers, and send back the niggers to their owners to conciliate them.

Offer to assoom the war indetednis uv the South, and plej the Government to remoonerate our Suthrin brethrin fer the losses they hev sustaned in this onnatral war.

Call a convenshen uv Suthern men and sech gileless Northern men ez F. Peerce, J. Bookannun, Fernandough Wood and myself, to agree upon the terms uv re-union.

"Is that all," sez the goriller.

"No," sez I promptly. "Ez a garantee uv good faith to us, we shel insist that the best haff uv the orifises be given to Dimocrats who repoodiate Valandigum. Do this, Linkin, and yoo throw lard ile on the trubbled waters. Do this any yoo rally to support thowsends uv noble Dimocrats, who went out uv offis with Bookanon, and hev bingettin ther whisky on tick ever sinse. We hev maid sakrifises. We hev repoodiatid Valandigum—we care not ef he rots in Canady—we are willin to jine the war party, reservin to ourselvs the poor privilidg uv dictatin how and on wat prinsipples it shel be carried on. Linkin! Goriller! Ape!. I hev dun."

The President replide that he wood give the matter serious considerashen. He wood menshen the idee uv resinin to Seward, Chais and Blair, and wood addres a serculer to the Postmasters, et settry, and see how menny uv em wood

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be willin to resine to accommodait Dimocrats. He hed no dout sevral wood do it to wunst. "Is ther any littel thing I kin do fer yoo?"

"Nothin pertikler. I wood accept a small Post orifis, if sitooatid within ezy range uv a distilry. My politikle daze is well nigh over. Let me but see the old party wunst moar in the assendency—let these old eyes onct moar behold the Constooshn ez it is, the Union ez it wuz, and the Nigger ware he ought 2 be, and I will rap the mantel uv privit life arownd me, and go into delirum tremens happy. I hev no ambishen. I am in the sear and yaller leef. These whitnin lox, them sunken cheak, warn me that age and whisky hev dun ther perfeck work, and that I shell soon go hents. Linkin, scorn not my words. I hev sed. Adoo."

So sayin I wavd my hand impressively and walkd away.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

COMMUNES WITH SPIRITS.

Church uv the Slawterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Dec. 19, '63.

I hev bin for menny yeres disposed to bleeve in speritooalism. Ther is suthin plesent in the idee uv bein in communicashen with them ez hev gone before, as it may be reznably supozed that frum their stan-pint they kin see things in a more clearer lite than we who is encumbered with clay. Akordingly I invited a distingisht mejum to visit my flock. * * * * * * * *

A circle wuz formd, and I wuz requestid to call fer the sperit uv sum wun. Hevin a few Abolishnists present, whom I wisht to enliten on politikle topix, I cald for Tomus Jefferson. "Tomus," sez I, "wuz yoo the father uv Dimocrasy?"

(I use my own langige, ez them old fellers wuz not alluz elegant.)—

"I wuz."

"Tomus, are the party now barin the name yoor child?"

"Not any. Its a mizable bastard, born uv John C. Calhoon, and that old hag, Stait Rites, and a low-lived whelp it is. My heirs is them ez supports the Guverment I help to maik."

"But, Tomus, wood yoo hev us support a Abolishn war fer the perpus uv freein niggers?"

The sperit rapt out with awful distinknis, "We hold these trooths to be self-evident: that awl men is creatid ekal, and endoud with certain inaleyenable rites, among which is life, liberty—"

At this point I stopt the meium. I knew the spirit was not Tomus Jefferson, but a impostor, hevin heerd a Abolishn preecher use the same langige at a 4th uv Guly selebrashen. I then called Androo Jaxon, hoo respondid.

"Androo," sez I, "woodent yoo like to be back on yearth, jist now?"

"Yoo kin bet I wood," retortid he. "I'd lik to hev bin President in the plais uv that old, white-livered, black cockade Fedralist, Bookannon. Wat a hangin ther wood hev bin! Ther wood hev bin vacansis in Congris, and jest ez menny funerals ez ther wuz vacansis. As fer Sowth Carliny,"—

The communycashen ceesd, and I heerd a sound like the grittin uv teeth. It resoomed. "I'd string up Valand'gum, and Fernandy Wood, and Sam Medary, et settry. It wood be a bad old joke on them indivijjles ef I hed controle of the habis corpus, I'd—"

I refoozed to here farther. This sperit wuz also ondoubtedly a imposter.

I cald fer Benton, who merely sed that Mizsory wuz comin to her sensis

in gittin rid uv slaivry, and fer Duglis, who remarkt that he cood say uv the temple of Dimocrisy ez the Savior sed of the sinagog, "My howse is called a howse of prayr, but ye hev maid it a den of theeves," both of whom wuz onquestionably imposters. Another spirit (probably of a deceest abolishnist,) sed that Benediot Arnold and Judis Iscariot hadent bin on speekin terms fer sum time, Iscariot hevin called Arnold a copperhed. Arnold sed he'd never stand that.

Duglis cum back, and sed he had jest wun word 2 say. The Dimocratic party wuz wunst grate, but it hed got in2 bad hands, and gon crazy as a drunken bed-bug. It needid new manajers —men uv suffishent sence and honisty to run the party on old prinsipples. In the old hands it wuz a pattryotic party—a party that wuz alluz for the country. It whaled the British in 1812, and afterwards nockt the hind sites off uv the old Fedral party fer opposin it. It smasht Mexico, and afterwards smasht the Whig party fer not helpin. Now for the Dimocrisy to oppose a war agin rebels who not only commenst it, but hed actooally bustid the party itself, is loonacy unekalled in the history uv the world. Squèlch them tuppenny pollytishns who hev heeved the mantels wunst worn by Jaxon and Benton (they look in em jest about as well as a orgin grinder's munky wood in a soljer's overkote, and filled em jest as much), get onto a war platform, and—"

I didn't care about persooin my investigashens enny ferther, pertikerly ez the Abolishnists were all a snickrin. Its my privit opinion that thers nothin relyable about it. Hed the sperits bin reely them uv Jefferson, Jaxon, and sich, they woodent hev talkt so much undilootid niggerism.

However, it did me very well. The mejum took up a collecksh un uv six dolers, wich, by a singler coincidence, was the eggact amount I hed intendid to charge him fer the use uv my church. He grumbled, but finelly sheld out. I am now warin a new pare uv pants.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church in charge.

TRIES AN EXPERIMENT.

Church uv the Slawterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Dec. 25, '63.

Mankind is the most perverse and onrezonable beins uv the human famiiv. Wile they assent 2 a principple, they never will put it into practis ef it bares hard onto em ez indivijjles, to-wit:

I had bin for sevral weeks deliverin a coarse uv lekters on the divinnity uv slaivry. I argood that the institooshn wuz based upon the infeeriority uv wun man 2 another—that it wuz not only a wise but bootiful pervision uv nacher that the strong shood hev charge uv the week, a guidin, and protektin and a workin uv em. The idee plezed my congregashen vastly, and fifteen or twenty uv the strongest perposed that it shood be put in2 practis, jest 2 show the world that the grate doctrine cood be carried out jest as well in the North as in the South. To wich I assented to-wunst, and at the next biznis meetin, the follerin plan wuz adoptid: The members uv the congregashen shood try ther strength, and them as cood lift 600 shood own and possess, in fee simple, all them ez coodent.

The trial wuz hed, the divishen maid, and I wuz happy at bein the umble instrooment uv plantin the grate institooshen on Northrin sile.

But alas! owin 2 the perversity uv the human mind, aforesaid, it dident work. Old John Podhammer razed his 600 with the gratest eeze, wile Bill Sniffles, who wuz a workin fer him fer 12 dolers a mumth, coodent fetch it

Podhammer went over to Bill's cabin, the next mornin, and sez he, "Willyum, frum this time hentz4th, and furever yoo air my man. As all a slaiv has is his master's, the 18 dolers I owe yoo, or that I did owe yoo afore this blessid system wuz establisht, I shel kepe, and as yoo hev moar furnytoor than befits yoor lowly condishen, I will send a teem over to-morrer, and taik yer bewrow and stand, and bedstids up to my house, and—"

At this junctur in cums Mrs. Mrs. Sniffles, who kin lift 600 with old Podhammer on the top uv it, and it wuz no time afore she diskiverd wat his biznis wuz. She turned red in the fais. Sed she:

"Yoor goin to take my furnytoor?"

"Certingly."

"And we air yoor slaivs?"

"Uv coarse."

"And yoo kin sell my children?"

"Naterally."

"And yoo kin maik me yoor conkebine?"

"Ef I wish."

"Yoo old beest!" shrekt the infooriatid femail chattel, forgettin her normal condishn, "yoo sell my babies, yoo taik my furnytoor, drat ye, I'll giv ye sum uv it now," whereupon she hurled a chare, wich laid him prostrait on the flore, wen she pickt him up and flung him out the dore.

It did not end here: Podhammer hed in his hand a patch-work coverlid, wich he thot he wood taik with him, and wen he cum to he walked off with it, whereupon Mrs. Sniffles hed him took up on a charge uv steelin, and he wuz actooaly tride, found gilty, and sent to jail fer 30 daze. How kin we establish Dimocratic institooshens, wen the corts won't recognize the laws of nacher? The experiment, for the present, hez the apperentz of a failyer.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge

ESTABLISHES AFRICAN SLAVERY.

Church uv the Slawterd Innocents,
(Lait St. Valandigum), Jan. 16, '64.

Trouble air a cumin upon me thicker and faster. "Men change, but principples, never," hez bin a motto uv mine fer yeers, and bleevin in the grate principple of the strong owning the week, or in uther words, Slaivry, I shel never ceese my efforts to maik it universal. Ther bein a onreesonable prejudis in the minds uv the week uv my congregashen aginst bein the perpetooal servance uv them as nacher hez maid to rool, I called a special meetin of my flock to consider the matter. I interdoost the matter thus:

By Hager I provd that slaivry was scriptooral.

By "cussid be Kanan," et settry, I shode concloosively that the nigger wuz the indentikle indivijjle who wuz to be the sed slaiv aforesed.

Then it wuz put to a vote and it wuz unanimusly resolvd that Aferken slaivry be interdoost amongst us. I notist with pleasure that the poorer the indivijjle, the moar anxshus he seemd to own a nigger.

Opinyuns wer then interchanged. Absolum Kitt, who is a carpenter, and who never saved a doler, hevin alluz hed a sick wife and a large family of childern, sed he felt that a grate work hed bin dun that nite. The prowd Anglo-saxun whom nacher intendid to rool hed bin that nite elewatid 2 his normel speer. Hentz4th ther wuz no moar labor fer him. He hed a contrak to bild a howse for brother Podhammer, and he hed no doubt that the brethrin

who wuz blest with menes wood make up a puss, and enable him 2 buy a nigger carpenter to do his work.

Brother Podhammer aroz. He uv coarse, wood be glad to assist brother Kitt, but dooty 2 his family reqwired a diffrent line uv askshen. His idee wuz to purchis a nigger carpenter hisself, and—

"WHAT!" exclaimed Kitt.

Brother Podhammer resoomd. He intended to buy a nigger carpenter hisself, and bild his house. The cheef buty uv the grate system, and the wun that maiks it altogether luvly, is that yoo kin BUY yoor labor.

"But," sed Kitt, "what kin I do if yoo work nigger carpenters?"

"Trooly," sez Podhammer, "I kno not. A carpenter kin be purchist fer $1,000, the interest uv wich is $60, and his keepin say $100 more, per annum. Now ef brother Kitt 'll cum to them wagis, and be modritly umble, I mite, fer his saik, forego the exquisit pleasure uv hevin a nigger to flog, and still employ him."

'But," sez Kitt, turnin pail, "my family wood starve on them wagis, Wy, I mite ez well be a nigger myself."

At this pint I lifted up my voice. I exorted Bro. Kitt to patience. The grate Dimocratic idee that cappytal shood own labor must be establisht. It may bare hard upon indivijjles, but wat then? John Rogers went camly to the stake fer principple. If Bro. Kitt doth not like to accept his normel condishon to wunst, he can go to sum less favored country, wher the grate instooshon is not establisht.

Bro. Podger, a blacksmith, sed he suppozed the rich uns wood buy a nigger blacksmith, and let him emigrait.

Bro. Snipes, a plasterer, maid a simler obserwashen.

Bro. Punt, a bricklayer, remarkt likewise.

Whereupon, they all, in corus, similerly exclaimed they see us d—d fust and then they woodent.

Whereupon they reconsidered the resolushen establishin slaivry.

Kitt and his herritix wux not at church last Sundy, and the Postmaster told me that they hed sent orf a club fer the Noo York Triboon.

Trooly, a reformer's Jordon is a hard rode to travel I beleeve.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

PREACHES ON "THE PRODYGAL SUN."

Church uv the New Dispensashun,
January 31, 1864.

My brethren and sistern: I shall maik sum remarks this mornin based upon the bootiful parable of the prodygal sun. I wood reed 2 yoo the passij, but the Bible I hev is the only wun in the township, and I lent it yisterday 2 Square Gavitt, who sed swarin witnesses on almanacs woodent do in hoss cases, and he hasent brung it back. The skripter sez, in substance:

There was a certain man who hed 2 suns. The yungist hed a taist fer that branch uv agricultooral persoots known ez sowin wild oats, so he askt the old man fer his sheer uv the estait. He got it, turnd it into greenbax, and went off. He commenst livin high—boarding at big hotels, and keeping trottin hosses, and playin bilyards, and sich. In about a year he run thro his pile, and wuz ded broak. Then his credit playd out, and he wuz in a tite place for his daily bred. The idee struck him that he hed better put for hum, wich he did. The old man saw him a cumin, and he run out and met him, and giv him a new cote, and a order for a pare of shoes, and kild a fat caff, and hed flour

doins. The oldest boy obgected 2 these, sayin, "Lo I hav servd thee these menny yeres, and thou never madest no splurge over me, but when this thy son, who hez fooled away his pile, returns, you kill calves and sich." Then the old man retorts sayin, "My sun who wuz lost is found, the sheep who went astray is cum back, let us be merry."

My brethren, this parable applize ez well to the present time ez though it wuz maid fer it. Uncle Samyuel is the old man, the suthern wing uv the Dimocratic party is the proddygal, and the Abolishnist is the oldest sun. The south got tired and went off on its own hook. It haz, I maik no doubt, spent the heft uv its substance, and will shortly conclude to cum home. Now the grate question uv the hour is how shel he be reseeved. My friends, the Dimocratic rool is to foller the scripter wen yoo can maik a pint by so doin. In this pertickeler case Godlinis is gane, halleloogy, therefour, let us be Godly. Let Uncle Samyooel see the repentant prodygal afar orf—let him go out to seek him, er send Fernandy Wood, and when he hez found him let him fall, not upon his neck, but at his feet—let him put onto him the perple robe wich is royalty and upon his hand a ring, wich is dominion, wich is a improvement upon scripter.

But the Abolishnist, who is the elder sun, steps up and sez, "Nary. He wuz a doin well, and he wented out frum us, takin awl that wuz his own, and sech ez he cood steel, all uv wich he hez spent upon such harlots as Afrikin slavery, Stait rites, and Suthren independence, wich last two menshund is whited sepulkers. I sent my sons Grant, and Rosycrance, and Benbutler after him, but lo! wen he wuz strong and wiggerrus he did despitefully use them. Now that he is week from hunger, let him brindle. Ef we taik him to our buzems, let him cum on his nees, let him cast off the harlots that hav sedoost him, that ther may be no moar trubble in all the land."

My brethren, we must taik him back ez the old man did in the bible. Why, do you ask? Becoz he wuz alluz the old man's pet, and had things his own way. We wuz his frends and shared with him the steelins, but sence he went out the Abolishn brother and his frends hev controld things and whare air we? Eko ansers no whair! We okepy low plasis in the sinagog, and the doggery keepers go mournin about the streets and refuse to be comforted because ther cash is not plenty, and ef we taik back the proddygal shorn of his strength, of what avail is he to us? He must cum back as strong as ever, he must bring his harlots with him—he must ROOL! Then shel we hev the Post Orfises, and then shel we agin live on the fat uv the land, dodgin the cuss uv labor. Brethrin, let us be diligent in this grate work, instant in seeson and out of seeson.

A colleeshun wuz takin up fer the perpus uv sending a mishunary 2 Massachusits, wich yielded 7 dolers. Ez the amount woodent pay the raterode fair, it wuz voted to apply it on repairs on the church, wich I did by having my boots haff-sold and buyin a new hankercher.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church in charge.

DREAMS.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
February 6, 1864.

I am no speshel bleever in dreems. The gulf atwixt the material and immaterial worlds is 2 wide to be spand by the bridj uv sleep, ur if spand at all, the way is 2 narrer to make safe even the passij uv a nite-mare. (Poeticle

idee.) Still, the sperit may, wen loost frum its lode uv clay, sore off in2 the dim fucher, and retane a porshen uv its impreshns wen it agen okeples its prison-howse.

Last Saterdy nite I hed a dreme. I hed bin a redin' "Cotton is King," and sech works, aidin my understandin with frequent drafts frum a bottel containin 'nacher's last, best gift 2 man," and I fell in2 a gentel slumber. I dreemd that the Confederasy hed bin successful, that it carrid out its orijinel idee, and hed subjoogatid the Northern staits. Gefferson Davis wuz roolin at Washington under the title uv "Gefferson I, Empror uv all the Amerikys." The Senit and Hows uv Repsentativs hed bin dun away with by decrees, and the biznis uv governin wuz done solely by the Empror and his ministers. All to wunst I wuz in Washinton, a rolein along in a gorjus carige. I wuz sumwat surprizd at my persnel apperans. I wuz drest in flesh culered tites, with sandels on my feet, with dimund buckels onto em, and on my hed wuz a crown, makin me resemble a play acter I seed wunst a playin Richerd. Suddenly the carige stopt, and I alitid, and assended the steps uv the Palise. It wuz a resephun, and a chamberlin wuz announcin the gests ez they arriv. "Earl von Seymor!" "Count de Sammedary!" "Markuis Fernandywood!" and ez I stept forerd wat a gush uv exstasy thrild thro my vancs as the chamberlin (who wuz little Samcox,) showtid, "DOOK DE NASBY!" O wat a moment!

My dreems continnerd. Methawt the nobility wuz maid up uv the offisers uv the Confedrit armies, and sech northern men ez hed bin troo to the Confedrisy. The Northern staits hed bin diwided into dookdums, and erldums and sech—my territory extending forty miles eech way frum Wingert's Corners, whair my dookal palise wuz sitooated. Niggers wuz dun away with, ez all the white excepting the privligd classes wuz serfs, wich effectooally settled the question uv Afrikin slaivry. The nobility ownd the land and the inhabitants wuz all pesantry, payin to the lord uv the soil, 4-fifths uv the produx. I wuz livin in stile. We hed subjoogatid the Abolishnists, and wuz usin their leadin men ez our meenyels. O, it wuz magnificent and gorjus. I arose every mornin with Sumner a holdin a bason, and Waid a pourin uv perfoomd water over my hands, after wich Gim Ashly dryd em with towels. They wuz my servance! Poetikle justise.

In short, Gefferson Davis, ez soon as he hed the power, hed declaird the idee uv men governin themselves a failyoor, and hed revivd the old foodel system. France and England hed assisted him in establishn hisself, and hed jest got the thing into good runnin order. One seen in my dreem filled me full uv joy. I thot I wuz in my dukel robes in my ancestrel halls, overlookin my stewart, (editer Raymond, uv Noo York Times,) a reseevin triboot frum the happy pesantry, wen I notist among em sum who hed refoosed me credit in the days uv the Republic. Rage filld my sole. "Away with the hory miscreance," showtid I to my armd serviters, "away with em 2 to the deepest dunjen neeth the castel mote! ha! ha!" Just then I awoke.

It wuz but a dreem, but it left an impreshen on my mind. "If we succeed in smashin Lincoln and his guverment," thawt I, "a monerkey must ensoo, and, who nose, I may yet be Dook de Nasby!" Filled with new zele I resoomd laber on my sermon for the morrer, on the unconstooshnality uv the puttin down rebelyuns with muskets, with renood wigger.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

ON THE RETURN OF VALLANDIGHAM.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
June the 21st, 1864.

Goy to the world—Vallandigum is cum! The grate exel, in defianse uv the edix uv a usurpin despot, hez returned to his naytiv sile! Glory! My buzm swells with emoshun, and I leep for goy. Welkum, Vallandigum!

Overgoyd ez I am, my sensashens air not all plesherable. The return uv the distingisht champion uv Suthrin rites is sumwhat embarrassin. The trooth is, Vallandigum wuz not jest the man we wantid for a leeder. He hez tung, without discreshun, wich qwalitis hez ruind menny buddin genuses. Sech men can alluss succeed in kickin up a dust, but forchunately, they alluz git smothered in it. Vallandigum's weeknis is—Vallandigum. Shet him up in sekloodid spot, where he hed noboddy 2 blather to about hisself, and he'd expire in disgust in a week. 2 resoom.

His return is unfortunit, becoz—

What will we do with him? Under his leedership, we wuz bein redoost 2 a very small pint, so small indeed that we wuz jest reddy to berry. At this crisis Linkun he ups and arrests him. Wat a turn that wuz for us! It wuz a dubble-actin eleever that lifted us 2 ways, to-wit: we got shet uv Vallandigum, who wuz a unmixt noosance here. It convertid a noosance into a marter, wich wuz wat we wantid, and gave us ground to go on.

Vallandigum ort 2 hev bin more grateful than 2 hev bustid this arrangement by cumin back. Hed he stayd, a poor exel on a furrin shoar, a strainin uv his ize to git even a faint glimpse uv his nativ land, until the campane wuz 2-3ds over, and then committed sooiside jest afore eleckshun, in a fit uv temprary insanity brot on by greef, and sorrer, and wo, and sich, it wood hev bin hunky. His funrel wood hev bin profitable to us, for he is like the jentle hog, a hevy expense to his owner wile livin, and uv no earthly profit 2 him till he dies.

Agin. Ther's no call fer takin up coleckshuns enny more, for his benefit, and—away goze the cheef inkum not only uv myself, but uv haff uv the Dimocratik politishuns uv the Stait. I shel hev 2 deny myself uv all luxooris frum this time out.

Wat kin we do with him? He heznt the nack uv sayin 2 things at wun say, and nuthin else will do us. Wen the party was a settin its face mildly aginst slaivry, to fool the Free-silers, he wuz for eraddykatin the the evil. Now wen we air pintin mildly Southward, he's declarin for em openly in his usual loonattik stile.

2 konklood. I love Vallandigum; but ef Linkin wood arrest him and immure him in the darkest dunjun in Fort Warin, or hang him, or marter him in enny manner, he wood trooly confer a favor on the undersined, and the entire Dimekratik party. Then wood we carry his deceest karkis thro the North, with suthin to show on our chargis uv tiranny. But with Vallandigum at liberty and in good health, the fust, last, and only victim uv unconstooshnel usurpashen air gone, and with it our cappytal.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

INDORSES THE NOMINATION.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
September the 1st, 1864.

Glory! Micklellan, the nashun's pride, is nominatid! Bein a orthodox Dimekrat, the nominashen *soots me*! Nominashens alluz soots orthodox Dime-

krats! In thirty years' experience, I never knew a nominashen that dident.

Me and my Church wuz for peese. We wuz for Suthern rites. We wuz opposed to drafts, and had purchast revolvers. Ther4 the incomparible Micklellan wuz not our fust choice. The fact is, the grate George wuz a war man wunst, and was the original inventor of drafts, wich don't make him ez acceptable to us ez he mite be. But there's a excoose for him. The Dimokrasy must bare in mind that the unforchnit man hed sunk sum 85,000 Ablishnists sumwher about Richmond, and ez he knew uv the prejoodis existin agin volunteerin under him, he insistid on hevin uv em brot in by draft. It wuz all done for the benefit uv the Dimokrasy, becoz: The Dimekrats drafted wood resist or run to Kanady—the Ablishnists wood go, and, hallelooogy! but few of them wood ever return.

On receet of the news I immejitly called my flock together, announst it to em, and giv em the follerin breef sketch uv our candidate, ez follows:

George B. Micklellan wus born uv rich but honist parence, sumwher in the yeer 18—. (I luv accoorasy.) The nationality uv his parence I am not shoor uv, but from the fact that all the bitter old Know-Nothins is a support in him, I shood think he wuz uv Irish extraction. His great pint wuz promptnis and decision uv karicter, and these quality displayed itself at a erly period. It is on rekord in the arkives uv the family that he cried immejitly after he wuz borned, and commenst nursin within a hour. He wuz remarkable at school for the same quality. No sooner did the clock strike noon, than young George would promptly leeve the house. The fucher general wuz foreshaddered in the skill with wich he robbed melon patches. He made reglar approaches, wich were skillful, but his retreets wuz magnificent. He cood change his base bootiful—shiftin from melon patchis to orchards with neetnis and dispatch. Another peekooliarity uv young George shows how troo is the sayin, that "The child is father uv the man." Wile George cood alluz very elaboritly stratejise hisself int2 a melon patch or orchard, he never stratejised hisself out with any melons or apples.

He wuz edicatid at West Pint, and wuz finally made President uv the Ohio and Mississippy Ralerode. Here his decishun agin showd itself. He conseeved the bold ijee uv gravelin the rode, wun mornin, at 31 minits past 11. Wun yeer from that time he announst to the Drektors that 17 labrers and an ekal number uv wheebarrers hed bin prokoored, and he wuz bizzy, at that time, perfectin a plan for organizin uv em. 2 months after he announst his plan perfectid, and that operashuns hed commenst on a gravel-pit. Four days of brilyintly successful work follered, wen he announst that he wuz obleegd to suspend operashuns, that 5 wheelbarrers wuz broke, and 7 labrers hed the diarrear. He wood reorganize promptly, and proceed. Reorganizin this forse, and perfectin a new plan uv approach, only okepied 8 months, and the work wood hev bin commenst by this time, had not the war broke out. The pay of the Fedral Guvment bein larger and more surer than the Confedrasy, he relinquisht ralerodin and entered the Fedral serviss.

His military career is knowd by all on us. Suffice it 2 say, that no general wuz ever so beluvd South, and so hated North, wich wuz wat prokoord his nominashen.

Sich, my brethrin, is our candidate. Let us all sink our prejoodisis, and elect him. The platform on wich he stands I endorse with my whole hart. I haven't read it yet, but it must be good, for Vallandigum made it. The postorfises, the treasury, for wich we hev bin waitin 4 long, dreery yeres, is within

our reech. Let us, my brethrin, go in and win. The cheerin for me will now commense.

A collekshun wuz taken up to defray expensis uv the campane. $8 wuz reelizd, wich wuz paid over to me. I shel probably appere on the stump in a new pair uv pants.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

WAILETH MUCHLY.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
September the 15th, 1864.

The followin sam uv humiliashen and agony will be chantid in every Church in my dioceese, all day, evry Sundy, until the Confedrits win a victory:

A DOUBLE-BARRELD WALE—A CRY OV ANGISH.

In the valley and shadder sit we!

Job hed biles, but he scraped hisself with a oyster shell!

Naman wuz a leper, but he doved into the Jordan, and cum out ez good as new!

Sampson hed his hair shingled and wuz week as waterd whisky, but it growd agin, and he busted his enemies!

We hev biles and are rotten with em, but where's the comfortin oyster-shell?

We hev leprussy, but where's the Jordun to jump into?

Our hair is short, and thar's whar our enemies hev got us, but whar's the restorative to make it grow agin?

Job, and Naman, and Sampson, altogether, wuzn't as bad off ez we is.

We kin throw in Lazzyrus with his sores, and the dorgs a lickin uv em, and then give em 50 in a 100 and beat em.

For we nominatid Micklellan and Pendleton, at Shecago, and wun is a war man and tother is a peese man.

The ox and the ass is yoked—their heads and tails together.

And the teem is pullin viggerusly, but instid uv goin forerd, its goin round and round.

Wale! O my peeple, for the ticket wuzn't war enuff, and Cass has bolted!

Gnash yer teeth! O ye saints, for the tickit wuzn't peese enuff, and so Vallandigum hez bolted!

We tried 2 ride two hosses, goin in 2 diffrent direckshuns, and we fell to the ground.

And both hosses turned on us and kicked us.

And Micklellan hez no chance—he won't hev the givin uv the post-offises. Wah!*

And Sherman took Atlanta, and chawd up Hood! Wah!

And Lee wants the Weldon road, but he can't git it. Wah!

And Gov. Morton took the revolvers frum the peese men uv Injeany. Wah!

And the draft won't be resisted and the provo marshels will hev whole skins. Wah!

Wale! For Maine and Vermont, wich wuz tired uv the war, and wuz a goin for Micklellan, hev voted Ablishn with a loosenis.

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* In koris—all together.

Wale! For our rulers oppress us. They let their men vote in the army, but won't let our men vote in Canady! Wah!

Wale! For the Ablishnists shel hold the orfises, and we shel be numbered among the outs! Wah!

Wale! For in the fucher I see no way uv livin but by wirk!

Why wuz I born in2 sich a world? Why wuz whisky creatid, ef yoo can't git it without a price? Why wuz orfisis establisht, ef them can't git em ez wants em the most?

Micklellan buried his thousands in the swamps uv the Chickahominy—he hath buried his tens of thousands under the platform he kicked over!

The Ablishnists jeer us, and flout us; they wag their heds at us, saying, "Go up, bald hed!"

And we hev gone up!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

LAMENTETH.

(The state elections in October, 1864, a month before the Presidential election in November, in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, gave heavy majorities for the Republican candidates for state offices, thus showing the utter hopelessness of success for the Democrats who had nominated Gen. Geo. B. McClellan for President, and George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, for Vice President.)

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.
October the 14th, 1864.

I've cum 2 a conclushen. I'm satisfied that Pennsilwany, Ohio, and Injeany hev gone for Ablishn. I seed it in a daily paper. There4, I direct that every church in my dyoceese be draped in mournin, (the same that we used when we heerd uv Atlanta will anser) and that the follerin sam uv angish be chantid at every servis, until we git the returns from Noo Gersey.

Ohio! Pensilwany! Injeany!

Pensilwany is cussid, Ohio is cussider, but Injeany is cussidest.

Weep, O my peeple, for lo! the hind sites is knoct off us!

Gnash yer teeth, for the staits we countid on the most hev gone the wust agin us.

Tare yer hair, for Voorhees is beet.

Throw ashes on yer hed, for little sam cox is gone up.

Array yerself in shoddy, fer we're all gone up.

Ef sich is dun in the green tree, wat will it be in the dry?

I am a fountain uv lamentashens—they run from me ez doth the water from the springs.

Can we look to the South fer comfort? Nay, verily.

For Atlanta is gone, and Lee rageth in vain, and Early is chawd up eggreejusly.

And Linkin, and Grant, and Sherman, and Sheridan are laffin with much laffter—they feel good.

But their mirth is our wo, their meat is our pizen.

Can we look to the North? Not any; for that is a Sahara Desert uv Ablishnism, with nary a oasis.

Wher is the post-offisis? Wher is the collekterships, and wher the tother places uv profit? They are not for us.

To the East we stretch our hands, and Maine ansers, "'ror for Linkin!"

To the West we turn, and Injeany pops it to us to the tune of 30,000.

We bot revolvers in that stait, and lo! we committid soicide with em.

We are a dove, a peese dove, shoved out uv the political ark.

And the deluge of Ablishnism rageth wildly, and shows no sign uv subsidin.

And we air weery, but kin find no place to rest our foot.

Bestir thyself, O Lee! if yoo wood save us in November.

On yoo we bet our pile; yoo air our anker and our cheefest trust.

We preech in vane that the war is a faleyoor, while yoo air bein whipped once or twice a day.

Be valiant, for gold is goin down, and goods is goin with it, and the Ablishnists laff and the peeple is content.

Whale Grant just wunst, and give us wun more chanse.

Lift us out uv the pit in2 wich we hev fallen—giv us solid ground to stand on.

Then will our wailins be turned to joy, and our lamentations to songs uv gladnis.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

P. S.—The printer will put mournin lines abuv and below this letter.

HAS A DREAM.

Church uv the Noo Dispensashun,
October the 21st, 1864.

I am no bleever in gosts or dreems, or sich, nor never wuz. Ef the tyrant Linkin, (wich is a ape,) should draft me, and I shood be dragged to the tentid feeld, a unwillin marter, I know I shood much prefer meetin the gost uv a rebel soljer, wich is a shadder, than 2 enkounter wun in the flesh, with a muskit and baynet, wich is no shadder. Dreams is likewise unsubstanshel, and result, 9 cases out uv 10, from aboose uv the stummick. I dreem but seldom, and wen I do, I alluz attribut it 2 eatin a pound or two more sassij, or drinkin a quart or two more whisky, than I reely need, late at nite; and I never bleevd they wuz prophetik, becoz I don't allow that the seat uv prophesy is located in the stumick. These is my theory uv gosts, dreems, and sich.

I hed a dreem last nite wich left a impreshn on my mind. I hed bin preparin a sermon, provin that "Servants, obey yoor masters," justified the ketchin uv niggers with dorgs, wen I fell asleep and dreemed. Methawt I wuz dead, and hed laid in that stait 200 yeers, and hed awoken, and found myself agin on earth. I saw nothin pekoolyer. There wuz more raleroades, and more skool-houses, and in2 wun uv the latter I went.

The skool-marm wuz eggsaminin a class uv yungsters in histry.

"Who wuz the gratest and goodest men the Yoonitid Staits ever prodoost?"

"George Washington and Aberham Linkin."

"What did they do?"

"Washington foundid the guvernment, and Linkin preserved it."

"Who wuz the wust men the country prodoost?"

A little girl anserd:

"Judath Ithcariot, Benedict Arnold, Jeff Davith and Vallandigum."

"Yoo air wrong, my child," retortid the skool-marm. "Judas lived in another country, and be4 the others. They were so similer, however, that the errer is excoosable. What did Arnold, and Davis, and Vallandigum do?"

"Arnold betrayd his country, and took up arms agin it; Davis rebelld agin his guvernment, and Vallandigum helped him all he cood without gettin hisself into danger."

"What names were given them ez opposed the government, in '76 and '61?"

"Tories and Copperheds."

"Wich wuz the wust, the Tories or Copperheds?"

"That pint hez bin much discust, but no konkloosion hez ever bin arriv at."

"How menny times wuz Linkin electid President?"

"Two."

"Hed he enny opposition for the sekkund term?"

"Nun 2 speek uv. The rebels and Copperheds run a disgracd soljer, whose name sum historyans giv ez Mickfadden, uthers as Micknellan, and uthers ez Micklellan; but ez he receevd no votes in the elektoral collij, the elekshun wuz considerd unanimus. The Copperhed candidate sunk in2 obskoority after the war, and he wuz forgotten, wich wuz lucky for his children."

I notist about haff the childern hed on bloo ribbin; one-fourth wuz drest ordinary, and the balence hed a white rag pinned to their bax. I asked the school-marm what this indicatid. She askt me ef I wuz a furriner; to wich I anserd, I wuz, a furrin prinse in disgise, on a tower uv observashen. She replied:

"Them ez hez bloo ribbins is the descendants uv the soljers uv the grate rebellion; them with no dekorations is desendid frum loyul men who wuz not soljers; and them poor things who hev the white rag, (she bustid in2 teers and wept perfoosely) are the unforchnit desendance uv—Copperheds!"

I visitid a court-house. The case they wuz tryin wuz slander. One man hed asserted that the great-great-grandfather uv another, who wuz a opposin candidate for Gustis uv the Peese, hed bin a Copperhed. Plaintiff brot in2 court a old paper printed in 1864, wich showd that sed ancester wuz on a Linkin sentrel komity. Goory brot in a verdick uv $10,000 for plaintiff.

I awoke frum this dreem in a cold swet. "Is it possible," thot I, "that posterity will so regard us?" and for a minuit I wuz almost persuadid to be a Christian. But I thot uv the post-offisis, and sed to myself, "What is posterity to a ded man? Let me hev offis, and the menes uv keepin my skin full uv whisky without work, and posterity may think wat it pleezis." And I resoomed laber on my sermon.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Paster uv sed Church, in charge.

HAS A DIFFICULTY WITH HIS FLOCK AND LEAVES IT.

Onto the Wing, November the 10th, 1864.

The dy is cast! All is ore! Ef Freedom shreekt wen Kossikusco fell, she must hev squawkt last Toosdy nite as she beheld the inannymait corpse uv the Dimekratik party, which fell, crushing Little Mack, and the hopes uv sum hundreds uv thousens uv good Dimekrats, who spectid to be persuadid by ther frends in2 acceptin the various offisis under the guvment.

I am a lost and rooined man. My peeple are uv the troo Dimekratik stripe. They hev faith in me. They bleeve wat I tell em. I told em Micklellan wuz certin uv the elecshun, and that I hed ded-wood on the disposle uv

the offisis in that seckshun. It immejitly bekum a eezy matter to borrer munny. It wuz deliteful—wood, O wood that it cood hev bin perpetooal. Brother Savij lent me $50, with a request that I wood speek a good word for him for a furrin mishn. I assoomd a virchus look, and replide that I never sold my influoense, but that I alluz hed a admirashen for his massiv intellek and menny virchoos. Brother Guttle lent me munny, wantin this, and Brother Sludge wantin that; in breef, evry indivijjle uv em who hed a forehed a inch high spectid suthin.

The returns cum in. Ohio—Linkin! "Good! 'Rah!" shouts I, with grate presence uv mind.

"Why good?" anxshusly asks the expectants.

"Becoz, to carry Ohio, the Ablishnists must hev brot votes from Noo York, wich will giv us that stait shoor."

Noo York—Linkin!

"Good Lord!" ansers I, promptly: "the Noo York Ablishnists must hev votid in Ohio, and hev got home in time 2 vote agin. But wait for Pennsilwany."

Pennsylwany—Linkin!

"My friends, ther wuz fraud—Massachusitts soljers, at leest 40,000, must hev votid there. Injeana will do it, however."

Injeana—Linkin!

"Not less than 40,000 Massychusits soljers hev votid there. Illinois is safe, though."

Illinois—Linkin!

"40,000 Massychu—"

"Give me my munny!" roard Savij, and the same remark, with variashens, wuz maid by Guttle, Sludge, and the rest uv em.

"Gently, my frends," sed I, backin out uv the door. "We hev bin defeatid, but the grate principple that a white man is better than a nigger, for wich we hev so long fought, still lives. Let us sink all miner considrashens, and"—

The miner considerashens I referred to wuz, however, uppermost in their minds, for they all went for me, yellin like Cuscororious Injins, "Give me my munny!" whereupon I retreeted 2 the meetin-house, lockin myself in. They surroundid it, swarin they'd starve me out.

When a innocent boy, I red a harroin tale uv a Rooshn muther who wuz persood by frantic wolves, and who saved her own life by droppin her childrin to em wun by wun. My privit barel uv whisky wuz in my study—I wuz saved! I histid it out uv a winder, and calmly awaitid results. They flockt around it—they took turns at the bung-hole. In wun short hour they wuz stretched helpless on the plane, ded drunk. Then and there I resined my charge, and borrerin sich munny and watches ez the ungrateful wretches hed about em, to make up arrears uv salary and sich, bid adoo 2 em furever. I shell go to Noo Gersy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

TAKES A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW.

Saint's Rest (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
November the 14th, 1864.

Retrospex is profitable. By castin a prophetic eye backwards, a massive intellek kin dissern errors wich hev bin made, and kin dodge em in the dim and misty fucher.

The old Dimokrasy was wopt in the larst campane, solely and entirely

becoz uv its own stoopidity and cowardis. I say it boldly. We didn't bleeve in the war—we wuz opposed to it in the beginnin; we wantid the guvment revolooshnizd to keep Noo Ingland, wich is spredin herself all over the West, frum submergin the entire Dimekratik party. Our bark wuz on the sea—slaivry wuz its anker, its jib-boom, its rite forrerd mast, its bow-sperit, its keel, its all. Slaivry wuz our best and only holt. The Suthners wantid control uv the nashen, that they might use the sed nashen for the excloosive benefit uv slaivry. Werry good. They held all the big orfisis for them purpus; but, thank Hevin, the slaveholders coodent hold all the orfisis! Ther wuzn't enuff uv em, halleloojy! They coodn't come up North and hold the post-orfisis, glory! O them good old times! They wuz libral and eezy to pleeze. They allowed us to hev a President occasionally, ef we presentid a man who cood give bonds to em 2 perform ez they desired. Peerse wuz one uv this kind, and Bookannon wuz another, and the larst. Ther labor wuz complikatid and severe. Peerse hed to establish the immaculate consepshun uv Popler Suvrinty, aginst all Dimekratik presedent, and poor old Bookannon wuz forced 2 strangle the noo-born baby, and give birth 2 the Lecompton bill, wich wuz a severe operashen for one so old and frale.

Noo Ingland rebeld, and electid Linkin. The South appeled 2 arms. Then wuz our golden opportoonity. We shood hev took up arms, druv the yooserper from his seet, and installid in his place a sound, conservativ, constooshnel Dimekrat. Uv coorse, the Ablishnists wood hev resistid. Ah! I shood want em to. Doth the majestik eegle appeze his royal appetight on bare bones? He dothent. The fat and joosy karkis is wat his hart desires. O how I wood hev liked to hev led a regiment uv such braves ez them frends uv the lait Governor Seemer, who killid the niggers in Noo York, last yeer, thro the rich towns uv Massychusitts! Wher the karkis is, ther the buzzards will be also.

We didn't do this. Wat wuz the next best thing? Clearly to elect as President a Dimekrat who hed Dimokrasy enuff to turn the guvment over to its legitimit owners ez soon ez he got it. A uncondishnel peese man wuz wat we wantid, and on a uncondishnel peese platform. We hed hed three yeers uv war, uv taxis, uv drafts, and a whalin draft wuz a hangin over us at the time. We wuz shoor uv 6 classis, to-wit, viz.:

The Dimekrat proper who got his pollytix by inheritanse.

The casheerd army orfisers, dismist becoz they disapproved uv the manner in wich the war wuz bein conduktid.

The gentlemanly contracters who hed furnisht hoss-beef and shoddy cloth 2 the soljers, and hed bin caught at it.

The cowardly cusses, who wuz afeerd uv drafts.

The cappytalists, who hed investid in Confedrit bonds.

The miserly cusses, who groaned at taxes.

Heer wuz a array—a phalanks that coodent be broken; for wen a man is mean from interest, argument won't tech him. It's a shootin paper wads aginst a iron-clad. Yoo mite ez well whisper Gray's Elegy in2 the ear uv a ded guvment mule, wich is sed 2 be the dedest thing on earth.

But Micklellen wuz nominated. O, wat stoopidity! It wuz dun to ketch the War Dimekrats, they sed. The War Dimekrats lifted up the General's kote-tale and found Pendleton there, and they skatterd. The anti-draft and anti-tax Abilishnists thought they'r ruther be taxt and draftid by Linkin, who hed alluz drawd it mild, than by Micklellen. The sojers remembered Chickahominy swamps. The shoddy theeves knowd they d stand no chance against such expert practishners ez the Woods, and Toucey, and sich, and so we wuz beeten.

I hev hopes that we will yet kum out rite. Geff'son Davis is armin the niggers; the Dimekracy hev seed the folly uv philanderin after war, and wun good Confedrit victry will set me up agin.

Let the Dimekratik virgins keep their lamps full uv ile and trimmed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Late Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

"WAILETH AND CUSSETH."

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
December the 26th, 1864.

I've heerd from Savanner! I hev red uv it. Fancy the feelin uv a man who hed ben fer weeks spectin 2 heer uv Sherman's bein entirely chawd up by the undanted Suthern milishy!

The follerin impromptoo cuss and wale (ekally mixt) reflex the stait uv mind uv the Dimokrasy uv this sekshun.

Hart-sick, weery, alone, bustid.
Gone-up, flayed, skind, hung out.
Smashed, pulverized, shiverd, scatterd.
Physikt, puked, bled, blistered.
Sich is Dimokrasy!
Alone I sit, like Marius, among the rooins!
Alone I sit and cuss, and this is my cuss:

Cussid be Calhoon, for he interdoost us to that paintid harlot, Staits Rites, who sedoost us.

Cussid be Peerse, who consentid 2 the Nebrasky bill, wich bustid us.

Cussid be Bookannon, who favored Lecompton, wich peeled us.

Cussid be Breckinridge, who woodent support Duglis, and 'lectid Linkin, wich give our post-orfises 2 Ablishnists.

Cussid be the post-masters—may they bekum suddently insane, and wildly go 2 trustin out postige stamps to Dimekrats.

Cussid be Grant, and Sheriden, and Rosycrance, for they've dun for Demokrasy.

Cussed be them as went in the army Dimekrats and cum out Ablishnists. (Wich is a epidemic.)

Cussid be Vallandigum, wich went a practisin law, leevin me in the Dimokrasy biznis alone, without enny cappytle to run on.

(SPESHLY HOT.)

Cussid be Sherman, for he took Atlanta.

And he marcht thro the Confedrisy, and respected not the feelins uv ennybody.

His path wuz, like Moses's, lit up with pillers uv fire and smoke, only the fire and smoke wuz behind him.

His path is a desert—lo, the voice uv the Shanghy is heerd not in all the land.

And the people uv the South lift up ther voisis and weep, becoz their niggers are not.

And he took Savanner, and cotton enuff 2 hev satisfide Bookannon's cabbynet.

And he turns his eyes toward Charleston, and is serusly thinkin uv Richmond.

He starteth with three-skore thousand—he stoppeth with three-skore and ten.

The wind bloweth where it listeth—he listeth where he goeth.

As the lode-stone is to steel, so is his steel to the Georgia nigger—it draweth him on.

Who will save us from the fury uv this Sherman? who will deliver us from his hand?

Johnston he beat, Hood he fooled, and Wheeler he flogged.

Lee wood do it; but he's holdin Grant, and can't let go uv him.

So he cavorts ez he wills, like a yearlin mule with a chesnut burr under his tale.

Bitter in the mouth uv a Dimokrat is qwinine, bitter is gall, but more bitter is Fedral victrys.

We hev bin fed on victrys lately, and our stumik turns.

Played out is Davis, and Dimokrasy hez follered soot.

The Dimokrasy is turning war-men—they are bowin the knee to Linkin.

Voorhees will yet be a Briggydeer, and Vallandigum will cry aloud for a war uv exterminashen, and Fernandywood will howl for drafts.

For tho John Brown's body lies all mouldy in the grave, his sole is a-marchin on.

I ain't the rose uv Sharon, nor the lily uv the valley—I'm the last uv the Kopperheds!

I bilt my polittikle howse on sand—it hez fell, and I'm under the rooins.

Uv pollytix I wash my hands, I shake its dust orf my few remainin garmence.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

DETAILS THE FAILURES OF THE DEMOCRACY.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
February the 10th, 1865.

People is queer. Humanity, pertiklerly American humanity, vewd from a Dimekratik standpint, is a inscrootable mystery. To the undersined it's a staggrer.

For instance.

The normel instinks uv mankind is not 2 work. Dimokrasy hez bin a holdin out to the Amerikin peeple the priceless boon uv nigger slaivry—the onspeekible happinis uv hevin others swet for em—uv passin a lifetime a suckin mint-juleps thro straws, and smokin ten-cent cigars, on the work uv others. It wuz regectid.

I wuz thinkin the matter over to-nite, and I wuz shockt at the remarkable yooanimity with wich evry distinktiv measure perposed by the Dimokrasy hez bin repoodiatid by the people.

We told em the South wood rebel, ef they votid for Linkin. They votid for Linkin.

We told em greenbax and guvernment bonds wood be entirely worthless. They take the greenbax, and subscribe for the bonds with a loosenis onparalleled.

We told em they cood never lick the South They went in and are whippin the South, with neetnis and dispatch.

We warned em agin drafts and sich. They go and vote for drafts—indeed, I heerd wun recreant Dimekrat observe that he raypher liked a draft wunst or twice per annum, they varied the monotony. "And then," sed he, "a feller feels so good when he finds he ain't drawd."

We told em the war wood go on ef Linkin wuz re-electid. They went and re-electid Linkin.

We told em that any interference with slaivry wood rooin North and South. They abolisht it in a lump.

In short, the peeple is crazy. Watever the Dimokrasy endorses, the peeple rejex; watever the Dimokrasy recommends, the peeple condemn. I'm convinst uv the trooth uv the Millerite doctrine—the end uv the world is at hand.

Ez for me, I care not how soon it comes. Life is not measured by yeers. I am 3 skore in yeers, but I hev consumed enuff whisky for a man uv a hundred. Therefore I am reddy. Whenever the Dimokrasy finally pegs out, I want to go likewise, for with it my mishn is ended.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

THE FALL OF RICHMOND AND LEE'S SURRENDER.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
April the 10th, 1865.

I survived the defeet uv Breckinridge in 1860, becoz I knowd the Dimokrasy cood ras up in arms agin the unconstooshnality uv electin a seckshnal President, who wuz impregnatid with any seckshnal ijees that he got north uv Mason and Dixon's line.

I survived the defeet uv Micklellan (who wuz, trooly, the nashen's hope and pride likewise), becoz I felt assoored that the rane uv the goriller Linkin wood be a short wun; that in a few months, at furthest, Ginral Lee wood capcher Washinton, depose the ape, and set up there a constooshnal guvernment, based upon the grate and immutable trooth that a white man is better than a nigger.

I survived the loss uv Atlanta, and Savanner, and Charleston, becoz, depend-in on Suthern papers, I bleeved that them places wuz given up—mind, given up—becoz the Confedrits desired to consentrate for a crushin blow.

I survived the fall uv Richmond, tho it wuz a staggrer; becoz I still hed faith that that grate and good man, Lee, did it for stratejy, that he might consentrate hisself sumwhers else; and when the Ablishnists jeered me, and sed "Richmond," and "Go up, bald-hed," to me, I shook my fist at em, and sed, "Wait, and yoo'll see."

I wuz a lookin for the blow that wuz to foller this consentratin.

It cum!

But it wuz us who reseevd it, and a deth-blow it wuz. Ajacks defied the litenin; cood he hev bin a Northern Dimekrat, and stood this lick unmoved, he mite hev dun it with perfek safety.

"Lee surrenderd!"

Good hevins! Is this the end uv consentratin? Is this the dyin in the last ditch? Is this the fightin till the last man wuz a inanimait corpse? Is this the bringin up the childern to take their places, ez the old ones peg out under Yankee bullits?

"Lee surrenderd!"

Why, this ends the biznis. Down goes the curtain. The South is conkered! Conkered!! CONKERED!!! Linkin rides into Richmond! A Illinois rale-splitter, a buffoon, a ape, a goriller, a smutty joker, sets hisself down in President Davis's cheer, and rites dispatchis! Wher are the matrons uv Virginia? Did they not bare their buzums and rush on2 the Yankee bayonets that guarded the monster? Did they not cut their childern's throtes, and wavin a Confederit

flag in one hand, plunge a meat-knife in2 their throbbin buzzums with t tother, rather than see their city dishonored by the tred uv a conkerer's foc

Alars! not wunst.

Per contrary. I reed in the papers that they did rush wildly thro streets, with their children in their arms.

But it wuz at the Yankee commissary trains, who giv em bread and me wich they eat vociferously.

Their buzzums wuz bare.

But it wuz becoz their cloze hed worn out, and they didn't know how weave cloth for new wuns.

In breef, they actid about ez mean ez a Northern Dimekrat ever did, a to go lower is unnesessary.

This ends the chapter. The Confederasy hez at last consentratid its la consentrate. It's ded. It's gathered up its feet, sed its last words, and d ceest. And with it the Dimokrasy hez likewise given up the ghost. It m survive this, but I can't see how. We staked our political fortune on i we went out bottom dollar on it; it's gone up, and we ditto. Linkin will ser his term out—the tax on whisky won't be repeeled—our leeders will die uv chagrin, and delirium tremens and inability to live so long out uv offis, a the sheep will be skattered. Farewell, vane world. I'll embrace the Cathol faith and be a nun, and in a cloister find that rest that pollytix kin never giv

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

"MAKES A DELEGASHUN UV HISSELF," AND VISIT THE PRESIDENT.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
May the 21st, 1865.

All the Staits uv the North, and the heft uv them resently subjoogatid, a the sosieties, associashuns and churchis that ever I heerd uv, hev sent del gashuns for the purpus uv volunteerin advice 2 Johnson, the noo Presiden Feelin that Noo Gersey shood not be behind in the advice bizniss, I elect myself a delegashun, borrered a clene shirt, and traveled 2 Washinton. wuz announst ez a "delegashun frum Noo Gersey," and wuz to wunst ushe in2 the presents.

"Wher is the delegashun?" ejakoolatid the President; "hurry em up, f I've thirteen more to reseeve this afternoon."

"Androo Jonson," sed I, impressivly, "I represent Noo Gersey, a Sta that hez jest dun honor to the deceest President."

"Troo," returned he; "sich Staits honor patriots—after they're dead."

"I resent the insinooashun, with skorn. Ez proof that the murder uv t President wrung the popler hart uv Noo Gersey, let me say, sir, that Camden and Amboy Drekturs, at a meetin called for the perpus, absloo votid 2 carry the corpse uv the deceest President over the road for half-fa a honor never be4 akordid to enny livin er ded individjooal. But let th pars. Noo Gersey needs no speshl pleeder. Ther she stands. Look at her— yoo hev a mycroscope.

"I cum, Androo, ez a originel Dimekrat, who, whatever other sins he m hev committed, never skratcht his tickit er dilootid his whisky. In behaf that Dimokrasy I speak.

"Ez hez bin menshund 2 yoo wunst er twict, a immense responsib rests on yoor sholders. The Suthern Staits struggled for ther rites, but we

quelcht. They fought like heroes, but fell, becoz uv overpowrin numbers gin em. They're down—yoor iron heel is on2 their necks. What will yoo do? Will yoo grind em, er will yoo be magnanimus?

"Wunst we wuz a happy nashen, and we kin be so agin—it rests with yoo. Yoo must consiliate the Dimokrasy. Our party North is magnanymus. We stand reddy to fergive yoo for hevin draftid us, for hevin taxt us to support a unconstooshnel war, providin you'll stop now. Woo our Suthern brethrin back with jentle words. They air a high-speritid and sensitive race, that kin never be subjoogatid. Take em agin 2 yer bozzum, and don't hoomiliate em by deradin condishns. Give em a chanse 2 fergive us for whalin uv em. Restore ther niggers, pay ther war debt, invite Magoffin, and Vance, and Brown, and the rest uv the guvners, back 2 their various capitols—give Lee, and Forrest, and Boregard ther posishns in the reglar army, and penshun the disabled Confedrit heroes.

"Ther mustn't be no hangin. You've got that unfortnit staitsman, Davis—he fell in2 yoor hands becoz he wuz ignorent uv the style uv yoor (lait Linkin's) minyuns. He mite hev knode that the soljers never seed a woman takin to the woods without chasin her. But he must not be hung. Dimokrasy looks upon the matter thus:

"You can't hang a man for conspirin agin a guvment onless he taiks up arms.

"Ef a few take up arms, it's only a riot, and no hangin matter, 'cept when Abolishnists like John Brown do it. In sich cases hangin is alluz in order.

"Ef a number uv Staits do it, it's a revolooshen, and them ez yoo capcher must be treeted ez bellyjiggerants and prizners uv war. To hang prizners uv war, Androo, is murder.

"This wood probably satisfy the South. At the North less is reqwired. The Dimokrasy is easily consiliatid. Give our leeders enuff of the offisis 2 support em, with the privilidge uv managin things to soot us, and the trubble is ore. On them terms we'll support yoor Administrashen, or enny uther man's, corjelly and hartily, and peese will agin wave her white pinyuns over the land, and will continyoo 2 wave em ontil the Suthern hart is agin fired.

"I hev dun—Noo Gersey hez spoke."

I rather spect my words will bear froot. Look out for a change uv polisy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

SEARCHES THE SCRIPTURES, AND GETS COMFORT THEREFROM.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
August the 11th, 1865.

The contemplashen uv the nigger hez, in time past, given me a grate deel uv trubble. Nigger hez to me bin a inkubus—a nitemare. I never cood see why the species wuz creatid; never cood I understand why they wuz put onto the face uv the earth, any more than toads or other disgustin obgecks. But last nite a lite bust onto me—I seed it all.

I wuz low-sperited and deprest. Jeff Davis a pinin in a loathsum dungun—the English cappytalists a mournin for their cotton bonds, and refusin to be comforted because the Confedrasy is not—Mrs. Surratt a danglin in the air—military courts plenty and habis corpusis skarce—the loosenis with wich peeple put ther munny into 7-30's—the soljers returnin and goin for constooshnel Dimekrats, and the ginral demoralization uv Dimokrasy, all conspired to

give me the horrors, and to add to my distress, the jug wuz out! To avoid madnis, I took up the Bible (I board with a justice uv the peese, who hez to keep one to sware witnesses on), and happened to open at the 9th chapter uv Jennysis. Yoo know all about that blessid chapter.

Noer, after the water went down, cum down from Aryrat, went into farmin, and plantid grapes extensive. One day he took a nip too much, and laid down with insuffishent clothin onto him. His 2d son, Ham, seed him in that fix, and when Noer awoke, while his hair wuz still pullin, he cust him, and his posterity, and sed they shood be servance forever.

Ham (wich in the original Hebrew signifies a hind-quarter uv a hog) wuz the father uv the Afrikins, and they hev bin slaves ever sence.

I seed a lite to wunst—I realized the importance uv the nigger. He is the connectin link in the chane uv circumsstances wich led to the formashen uv the Dimekratic party. He hez kept the blessid old masheen a runnin to this day.

Observe.

Whisky (or wine, wich is the same thing) made Noer tight.

Ham seed Noer inebriated.

Noer cust Ham, wich turned him into a nigger and a servant.

That the Skripters mite be fulfilled, the childern uv Ham wuz brot to 'Amerika, to be servance here.

Wikkid men set themselves agin the Skripters, and tried to make men uv the niggers.

The Dimekratik party ariz for the purpus uv keepin the nigger down, and that deliteful biznis hez given them employment for mor'n 30 yeers.

Ez I shet the book, I cood not help remarkin, in the words uv the sammist:

> "Good Lord, upon what slender threds
> Hang everlastin things!"

Sposin Noer, instid uv plantin grapes, hed gone to practisin law, or into the grocery biznis, or buyin prodoos on commishn, or puttin up patent medicins—he wooden't hev got inebriated; he woodn't hev cust Ham. Ham woodent hev turned black; there woodent hev bin no niggers, no Ablishnists, and, consequently, no Dimekrats.

Or, sposn all uv Ham's childern hed taken diphtheria, and died; the same results wood hev follered.

Whisky made nigger—nigger made Dimokrasy. Take away whisky and nigger, and Dimokrasy woodent be uv no more akkount than a one-armed man at a raisin.

Whisky! Nigger! Dimokrasy! O, savery trinity!

We don't none uv us read the Skripters enuff.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

SUGGESTS A "PSALM OF SADNESS" FOR HIS FRIENDS SOUTH.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
September the 12th, 1865.

The utter and abject state uv cussitood into wich the Dimokrasy find themselves, North and South, makes a day uv fastin approprit. Ef the Lord is ever a goin 2 help us, now's his time.

Ef my clerikle brethrin uv the Church South deside to appint a day uv fastin and prayer, I submit the follerin ez a sam uv agony, approprit for the occasion:

A SAM UV AGONY.

On the street I see a nigger!

On his back a coat uv bloo, and he carryeth a muskit.

He is provo-guard, and he halteth me, ez wun hevin authority.

And my tender daughter spit on him, and lo! he arrested her, and she languisheth in the guard-house.

My eyes dwell on him, an my sole is a Artesian well uv wo; it gusheth with greef.

For that nigger wuz my nigger! I bought him with a price.

Alas! that nigger is out of his normal condishn; he is a star out uv its speer, which sweepeth thro the politikle hevins, smashin things.

Normally, he wuz wuth gold and silver—now he is a nitemare.

Wunst I wuz rich, and that nigger wuz the basis thereof.

Wo is me! I owned him, sole, body, muscles, sinoos, blood, boots and breechis.

His intellek wuz mine, his body wuz mine, likewise his labor and the froots thereof.

His wife wuz mine, and she wuz my conkebine.

The normal results of the conkebinage I sold, combining pleasure and profit in a eminent degree.

And on the price thereof I played poker, and drank mint-gooleps, and rode in gorgus chariots, and wore purple and fine linen every day.

Wuz this miscegenashun, or negro equality? Not any. For she wuz mine, even as my ox, or my horse, or my sheep, and her increase wuz mine, even as wuz theirs.

Ablishn miscegenashun elewates the nigger wench to his level. I did it for gain, wich degradeth her muchly.

And when the wife uv my buzm lifted up her voice in complaint, sayin, "Lo, I am abused—this little nigger resembleth thee!" half the price uv the infant chattel wood buy a dimund pin with wich to stop her yawp.

And my boys follerd in my footsteps, and grate wuz the mix, but profitable.

But my dreem is bustid.

The nigger is free, and demands wages for the work uv his hands.

His wife is free, and she can decide whether she'll cleave to her husband. or be my conkebine.

Yisterday I bade her come to me, and, lo! she remarkt, "Go 'way, white man, or I'll bust yer hed."

And I gode.

Her childern are free—they are mine, likewise,but I can't sell em on the block to the highest bidder.

Therein Linkin sinned—he violatid the holiest and highest instinks uv our nacher; he interposed a proclamashen atween father and child.

We took the heathen from Afreka, and wuz a makin Christians uv em. Wo to him who stopt us in our mishnary work.

It is written—"Kin the Ethiope change his skin?" I wuz a changin it for him. I and my fathers, and we hed mellered it down to a brite yaller.

Dark is my fucher.

I obeyed the grate law uv labor, ez I served in the army, by substitoot. Now shel I hev to stane my hand with labor, or starve.

In what am I better than a Northern mudsill?

I kin get no dimund pins fur the wife uv my buzum, and she yawpeth continyoöally.

Arrayed in hum-spun, she wrastles with pots and kettles in the kitchen.

Weighed down with wo, she dips snuff in silence.

She asks uv me comfort—wat kin I say, whose pockits contane only Confedrit skript?

Save us from Massychusits, wich is ornery and cussid.

Protect us from nigger sojers, wich is grinning feends.

Shelter us from the ghost uv John Brown, which is marchin on.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

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THE WISE OLD RAT.

A CLASSIKLE FABLE, DESINED 2 ILLUSTRAIT THE IJEE UV "PLUCKIN THE FLOWER SAFETY FROM THE NETTLE DANGER," AFTER AESOP, WHO WUZ HEVY ON FABLES.

Wunst upon a time, a wise old rat whose gray hares showd concloosivly to the most ordinary intellek the wisdom that yeers and experense kin only give, startid out a foragin for the wants uv his luvd wuns 2 hum.

He hadn't been engaged in this ardeous dooty but a short time, wen he wuz surroundid by a small, but intensely wickid boy, who 2 wunst give chase. The wise old rat, not hevin bin a home gard, run, and in runnin fell in2 a dry cistern, wich wuz about 17 feet deep. It wuz jest dark, and the boy seezin a shingle, huv it at him. It mist its aim, and her wuz about heevin a brick, wen he bethunk hisself thus:

"Hold," sez he, "he can't git out. I will let him stay, and to-morrer I'll hist Nip, my tarrier, in, and it'll be hunky fun 2 see him kill him."

Upon wich, with a sardonic grin orespredin his utherwise intellektooal countenanse, he strode hawtily away.

The wales uv the entrapt wun soon brot 2 the spot his noomerus progeny and their mother. In agony uv spirit, they wrung their paws and cried—"

"Bald-hed, cum up."

"Verily wood I," sez he, "but how? No, no, my children—it's all up with me. Let daylite return, and I'm a goner. My time is short. Bless you, wife uv my buzzum—bless you, produx uv our chased luv. I hed hoped 2 hev lived long enuff 2 hev tawt yoo the neetest way uv chawin thro a cubberd, uv dodgin cats, and uv suckin eggs, but fate is too menny for me—I suckkum."

At this momenchus crisis a hevy rain sot in.

Now," sez he, "I am shoorly gone. The cistern will fill with water, and I shel drown. O, horrid fate, that I shood live to be a drowndid rat!"

The rane fell, and soon the bottom uv the cistern wuz covered. In his despare he notist the shingle a floatin, and in hopes uv prolongin his life a few momence, he sprang onto it, and began disclosin to his wife the locashen uv a cheeze he hed discovered, when observin that the shingle bore him, he stopt suddently. His wife begged him to go on, and not let so important a sekrit die with him.

"Shet up," retorts he, in his anshent way; 'ef this rane holds out long enuff, I'm ez good ez a dozen ded rats."

Shoor enuff, it did rane till the cistern wuz full, the rat menetime floatin comfortably on the shingle. Wen it wuz quite full, he paddled it to the side with his fore-feet (steerin with his tale,) and gaily sprang onto terry firmy, wich is Latin for dry land. * * *

That nite ther wuz goy in the habitashen uv that rat. He gathered his children about him, and tellin them the story uv his advencher, moralizd thus to em:

"Observ, my childern, that blessins cum to us very frekently in disgise. We murmur at terriers, wich rend us with netnis and dispatch. But mark. Hed not that boy hed a rat-terrier he wood hev dispatched me with brix. Thus is the evil desires uv the wickid made to work good for the saints, uv whom I am which.

"How I dredid that shingle! Yet, but for that shingle yoor dad wood hev bin a inannymait corpse. Troo, I am entitled to credit for my skill in dogin it, but uv wat avale wood hev bin that skill hed I hed no opportoonity 2 exercise it?

"The rane wuz to hev bin my destrucshen. Blessid wuz the rane! The flud that wuz 2 overwhelm me, bore me on its buzzum 2 safety.

"In concloosion. Providense alluz furnishis oppertoonities—he is trooly grate who hez the branes 2 know the proper time to grab, and the nerve to do it. Let Nil Desperandro be yoor motto, keep yer eers open, yer eyes peeled, and yer claws sharp, and you'll go thro life a sailin. Remember, ther is no evil but is mixed with good; the wise turn evil 2 good, while the foolish sink under it. Bless yoo, my childern—good-nite. I will seek my couch."

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THE DISKONTENTID PEZANT.

A ORIENTLE ALLEGORY WITH A MOREL ONTO IT.

(Note.—The follerin is desined to inkulkait the ijee uv contentment with our condishn, and to show the folly uv pinin after more good than nature intended us to enjoy. After ritin it, I red it myself, and wuz affected 2 teers. —P. V. N.)

Wunst upon a time, long afore the flud, when man wuz in his highly original and prime evil stait (wich meenes that he wuz wickeder than he hez bin ever sence) uv sin and wickidnis, Abou Ben Hadem flourisht in Abissinny, wich is a stait summers down East.

Abou Ben Hadem wuz a profit. He hed bin in the profit biznis for sum 2 hundred yeers, and wuz hunky at it. It wuz currently reportid and ginerally beleevd that he cood beet enny profit in them Eastern countries, with wun hand tied behind him.

Wunst on a time, jest after he hed partaken uv his froogle brekfast uv porter-howse steak, stuffit with Camden and Amboy oysters, and wuz a musin onto the mutability uv human affares over a pint uv Rhine wine and a meershaum, wun uv the pezantry uv that country approacht.

"Art thou Abou Ben Hadem?" interrogatid the stranger.

"I am he," replied Abou; "what wouldest thou with me?"

"Behold in2 me wun who is dissatisfide with his lot," replide the intelligent yomaury.

"All men are so, my son," retortid Abou. "I kin see sich in any grocery. Life is made up uv dissatisfactions. Wun wants riches, another fame; sum

chase wun fleetin shadder, sum another but, alars! all er doomd 2 disappointment. Let us inwest in Harlem stox, and dubble our munny—we repine tha we dident buy oil shares, and treble it. But what wouldest thou?"

"Mighty Ben Hadem, my name is Norval—on the Grampian Hills my father fed his flox, a froogal swane, and when the old gentleman pegged out he willed em all 2 me. I sheer them sheep, and wash the wool, and card it and spin it, and weave it, and make it into garmence. Why, Abou, cood not nacher hev made my sheep to grow rolls instid uv wool, and saved me the trubble?"

"My jentle frend," replied Abou, "go thy ways. Hentz4th thy sheep shel grow rolls instid uv wool."

(A week er sich a matter is sposd 2 hev elapst.)

The sturdy yomanry returned.

"Wat now?" sed Abou. "Wuz not thy desire gratified?"

"Yea, muchly," replide the high-mindid constitooent; "the sheep grew rolls and good rolls, too. But, great Abou, why coodent nacher, while she wuz about it, hev made the sheep grow yarn instid uv rolls?"

"Go to thy nativ mountins. Thy sheep shel grow fine yarn uv menny colors."

(Another week gose by.)

"Agin here?" sed Abou. "Artest thow not satisfide? Wat woodest thou now?"

"Mity profit! all things is ez easy ez turnin Jack frum the bottom, 2 thee. My sheep grow yarn. Is it askin too much to hev them grow cloth? Then wood my labor be lightened—I shood hev but to cut it and sew it in2 garmence."

"Be it so; but bother me no more. I am cheerman uv the executiv committy uv my ward, and the eleeshun is but 3 weeks off. Go and be satisfide. Cloth it is."

(A week passes by, like a dreem.)

"Mighty Abou"—

"How now? Thy importunity displeeses me. I hev 3 times grantid thy desires. Wat wantest thou now?"

"Mighty Abou, trooly at thy biddin my Mereenos, wich I importid frum Vermont, hev yeeldid rolls, and yarn, and cloth. Why, O profit, coodent they jest ez well grow clothin reddy-made, with a Amerrykin watch in the fob, and a pocket-book filled with greenbax and a plug uv Cavendish tobacker in the trousis-pokkit? Grant me but this, and"—

"Away, ongrateful, and let me see thy face no more. I grantid thy absurd wishes, to show that nacher did jest all for us that we needed—that the balance we must work out ourselves, and that hed she dun more we wood still hev bin dissatisfide. At fust, 'twas rolls, then yarn, then cloth, and now you want close reddy-made. Go back. Yer sheep grows common wool agin. Spose in I hed givd yoo all yoo askt—wat, O miserable, wood yoo hev hed 2 do? You wood becum lazy, filthy, and rotten. Yoo wood loaf around groceries, mix in2 pollytix, and becum a noosance to yerself and friends. Labor is hevin's law. Nacher gives us the raw material, and 2 keep us busy she requires us to work it into shape. Nacher gives us korn—it is our dooty 2 make it in2 whisky, and sich other produx ez go to sustane life. Without labor life is a cuss; with it we air happy. A bizzy man haznt time to reflect upon wat a mizzable cuss he is, wich reflexion in men uv high minds wood lead to sociside. Go thy ways. Be virchus and yool be happy."

Morel.—Employment uv wun kind er another is a necessity. For my par

I keep myself bizzy in gittin a livin orf uv other people's labor, and, in these degenerate days, it's jest all I kin do.

Morel Number 2.—The more we git, the mord we want. (Wich is new.)

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
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AFTER THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS, 1865.

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
October the 11th, 1865.

Ohio, Ablishn!

Pennsylvany, Ablishn!

Noo Gersey, not eggsackly Ablishn, but approachin thereunto.

Sich is the encouragin news I read in the newspapers this mornin! Sich is the result uv labors Hercoolian, in the above-named Staits. What do the people mean?

The pure Dimokrasy, probably, will carry Noo York; but uv what consolation is that to me? The two parties, the old, anshent Dimokrasy and the Ablishn, run a race in2 the realms uv Radikalism, and the Dimokrasy beat them over a length. With a platform standin by Johnson, endorsin his anti-slaivery noshens, his Suthern oppression noshens, his hangin uv Mrs. Surratt, et settry, and on that platform a soljer who never votid a Dimekratik ticket in his life, who went into the war a Radikle Ablishnist, and who cum out a Radikle Ablishnist, I don't know that I hev much much to choose atween em.

Last week I wuz invitid into a county in Noo York, to address a Dimekratik meetin. I acceptid (ez my expensis were paid, wich is cheeper and better boardin than I get at the groseries to hum), and akkordinly I went. I commenst deliverin the speech I hed yoosed all over Noo Gersey. I commenst abusin the nigger, when the cheerman interruptid me.

"Well," sez I, "wat is it?" rather angrily, for I git warmed up and a sweatin, and don't like to be interruptid.

"Why," sed he, "our constooshn allows a nigger who hez $250 to vote, and most uv em hev that sum, and we make it a pint to sekoor em."

"They're a d—d site better off than most uv us white Dimekrats in Noo Gersey," retortid I, a droppin the nigger and goin on agin President Johnson.

"Stop," whispered the cheerman; "our platform endorses President Johnson."

"Thunder!" remarked I, droppin President Johnson, and slidin easily into a wiggerus denunsiation uv the war.

"Good God!" sez the cheerman, "stop! Our platform endorses the war."

I sed nuthin this time, but commenst denouncin the debt.

"Hold!" sed the cheerman; "easy—easy—our platform backs up the debt."

"Well, then," sed I, in a rage, "why in blazes didn't yoo send me a copy uv yoor platform when yoo wantid me to address yoo? Go to thunder and make yoor own speeches;" and I stawked off the platform.

Time wuz when wun speech wood do a man all over the North. Now yoo hev to hev a diffrent wun for every Stait, wich makes it impossible for me to travel, for wun effort per season is enuff for me.

But, ez I wuz a sayin, we are beat agin, and beat badly—beat on issues uv our own makin—beat with taxes, bonds, war debt, and nigger equality all in our favor. Don't say to me that we redoost their majorities. What diffrence does it make to a defeatid candidate, whether the majority agin him is one thousand or one hundred? A needle will kill a man ez effectooally ez a broadsword, ef it's stuck in the right place. So a majority uv wun is enuff.

I hev known men to hold orfises four years, and hev good appetites, on a majority uv wun. It's the orfises we wuz a goin for—it's them our patriots wantid, and it's no consolation to them to say they mist by a small majority. It's a holler mockery—the same ez tho you'd show a starvin man a loaf uv bread jest inside uv iron bars—his fingers are not a inch from it, but, so far ez his cravin stumick is concerned, it mite ez well be across the boundless ocean.

We may recover from this backset, but I hev my fears. The peeple is ez stoopid ez ever, and our leeders is ez akoot ez ever; but alas! the fact that we hev failed in every thing we hev undertook, for four years, is gettin thro the hair uv thousands, and they look askant at us.

Be it ez it may, it makes but little diffrence to me. A few years, and I shel go hentz. Ef the Bible is troo, I shel go where I will find a heavy Dimekratik majority, shoor; ef it is not, and there is no hereafter, why, then, at last, I shel be on a level with the best.

"So let the wide world wag ez it will,"

I'll keep on the even tenor uv my way, takin my nips ez often ez I kin find a confidin sole who hez more money than diskreshun.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
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AFTER THE NEW JERJEY ELECTION, 1865.

(The carrying of New Jersey by the Republicans in 1865 was a severe blow to the Democracy. It wuz about the last of their strongholds.)

Saint's Rest, (wich is in the Stait uv Noo Gersey),
November 9, 1865.

Never wuz I in so pleasant a frame uv mind ez last night. All wuz peace with me, for after bein buffeted about the world for three skore years, at last it seemed to me ez tho forchune, tired uv persekootin a unforchnit bein, hed taken me into favor. I hed a solemn promise from the Dimekratik State Central Committy in the great State uv Noo Jersey, that ez soon ez our candidate for Governor wuz dooly elected, I shood hev the position uv Doorkeeper to the House uv the Lord (wich in this State means the Capitol, and wich is certainly better than dwellin in the tents uv wicked grosery keepers, on tick, ez I do), and a joodishus exhibition uv this promise hed prokoored for me unlimited facilities for borrerin, wich I improved.

On Wednesday nite I wuz sittin in my room, a enjoyin the pleasin reflection that in a few days I should be placed above want and beyond the contingencies uv fortune. Wood! oh, wood! that I hed died then and there, before that dream uv bliss wuz roodly broken. A wicked boy come runnin past with a paper which he hed brot from the next town, where there lives a man who takes one. He flung it thro the window to me, and passed on. I opened it eagerly, and glanced at the hed lines!"

NOO JERSEY—5,000 REPUBLIKIN.

One long and piercin shriek wuz heard thro that house, and wen the inmates rushed into the room they found me inanimate on the floor. The fatal paper lay near me, explainin the cause uv the catastrophe. The kind-hearted landlord, after feelin uv my pockets and diskiverin that the contents thereof wood not pay the arrearages uv board, held a hurried consultation with his wife as to the propriety uv bringing me to; he insistin that it wuz the only chance uv gittin what wuz owin them—she insistin ef I wuz brung to

I'd go on runnin up the bill bigger and bigger, and never pay at last. While they wuz argooin the matter, pro and con, I happened to git a good smell uv his breath, wich restored me to consciousness to wunst, without further assistance.

When in trouble my poetic sole alluz finds vent in song. Did ever poet who delited in tombs, and dark, rollin streams, and consumption, and blighted hopes, and decay, and sich themes, ever hev sich a pick uv subjects ez I hev at this time? The follerin may be a consolation to the few Dimekrats uv the North who hev gone so far into Copperheadism that they can't change their base:

A WALE!

In the mornin we go forth rejoicin in our strength—in the evenin we are bustid and wilt!

Man born uv woman (and most men are) is uv few days, and them is so full uv trouble that it's scarcely worth while bein born at all.

In October I waded in woe knee-deep, and now the waters uv afflickshun are about my chin.

I look to the East, and Massachoosetts rolls in Ablishn.

To the West I turn my eyes, and Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and Illinoy ansers—Ablishn.

Southward I turn my implorin gaze, and Maryland sends greetin—Ablishn.

In New York we had em, for lo! we run a soljer, who fought valiantly, and we put him on a platform, wich stunk with nigger—yea, the savor thereof wuz louder than the Ablishn platform itself.

But behold! the people jeer and flout, and say "The platform stinketh loud enough, but the smell thereof is not the smell uv the Afrikin—it is of the rotten material uv wich it is composed, and the corrupshun they hev placid upon it,"—and New York goes Ablishn.

Slocum held hisself up and sed, "Come and buy." And our folks bought him and his tribe, but he getteth not his price.

Noo Jersey—Ablishun!!

Job's cattle wuz slain by murrain, and holler horn, and sich, and, not livin near Noo York, the flesh thereof he cood not sell.

But Job hed suthin left—still cood he sell the hides and tallow!

Lazarus hed sores, but he had dorgs to lick them.

Noo Jersey wuz the hide and tallow uv the Dimocrisy, and lo! that is gon.

What little is left uv the Dimocrasy is all sore, but where is the dorg so low ez to lick it?

Noo Jersey wuz our ewe lamb—lo! the strong hand uv Ablishnism hez taken it.

Noo Jersey wuz the Aryrat on wich our ark rested—behold the dark waves uv Ablishnism hev swept over it!

Darkness falls over me like a pall—the shadder uv woe encompasseth me.

Down my furrowed cheeks rolleth the tears uv anguish, varyin in size from a large pea to a small tater.

Noo Jersey will vote for the Constooshnel Amendment, and lo! the nigger will possess the land.

I see horrid visions.

On the Camden and Amboy, nigger brakesmen! and at the polls, niggers!

Where shall we find refuge?

In the North? Lo! it is barred agin us by Ablishnism.

In the South? In their eyes the Northern Copperhead findeth no favor.

In Mexico? There is war there, and we might be drafted.

Who will deliver us? Who will pluck us from the pit into wich we hev fallen?

Where I shall go the Lord only knows, but my impression is, South Carliny will be my future home. Wade Hampton is elected Governor, certin, and in that noble State, one may perhaps preserve enough uv the old Dimokratik States Rites to leaven the whole lump.

"I'm aflote—I'm aflote
On the dark rollin sea."

And into what harbor fate will drive my weather-beaten bark, the undersigned can not trooly say.

Noo Jersey—farewell! The world may stand it a year or two, but I doubt it.

Mournfly and sadly. PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
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A CHANGE OF BASE—KENTUCKY.

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
December 9, 1865.

Here in the great State uv Kentucky, the last hope uv Democrisy, I hev pitched my tent, and here I propose to lay these old bones when Deth, who hez a mortgage onto all uv us, shall see fit to foreclose. I didn't like to leave Washinton. I love it for its memories. There stands the Capitol where the President makes his appointments; there is the Post Orfis Department, where all the Postmasters is appinted. There it wuz that Jaxon rooled. I hed respect for Jaxon. I can't say I loved him, for he never used us rite. He hated the Whigs ez bad ez we did, but after we beat em and elevated him to the Presidency, the stealins didn't come in ez fast ez we expected. Never shel I forget the compliment he paid me. Jest after his election I presented myself afore him with my papers, an applicant for a place. He read em, and scanned me with a critic's eye.

"Can't yoo make yoose uv sich a man ez me?" sez I, inquirinly.

"Certainly," sez he; "I kin and alluz hev. It's sich ez yoo I use to beat the Whigs with, and I am continually astonished to see how much work I accomplish with sich dirty tools. My dear sir," sed he, pintin to the door, "When I realize how many sich cusses ez yoo there is, and how cheap they kin be bought up, I really tremble for the Republic."

I didn't get the office I wanted.

Yet ez much ez I love Washinton, I wuz forced to leave it. I mite hev stayed there, but the trooth is, the planks uv that city and the pavements are harder, and worse to sleep on, than those uv any other city in the United Staits. I hed lived two months by passin myself off ez Dimekratic Congressmen, but that cood only last a short time, there not bein many uv that persuasion here to personate. I hed gone the rounds uv the House ez often ez it wuz safe, and one nite commenced on the Senate. Goin into Willard's, I called for a go uv gin, wich the gentlemanly and urbane bar keeper sot afore me, and I drank. "Put it down with the rest uv mine," sez I, with a impressive wave uv the hand.

"Yoor name?" sez he.

Assoomin a intellectual look, I retorted, "Do you know Charles Sumner?"

Here I overdid it; here vaultin ambition o'erleaped herself. Hed I

sed "Saulsbury," it mite hev ansered, but to give Sumner's name for a drink uv gin wuz a peece uv lunacy for wich I can't account. I wuz ignominiously kicked into the street. Drinks obtained at the expense uv bein kicked is cheap, but I don't want em on them terms; my pride revoltid, and so I emigrated.

I found here a church buildin, uv which the congregation had bin mostly killed in bushwhackin expeditions, and announcin myself az a constooshnel preacher from Noo Jersey, succeeded in drawin together a highly respectable awjence last Sunday.

Takin for my text the passage, "The wages uv sin is death," I opened out ez follows:

"Wat is sin? Sin, my beloved hearers, is any deviashen from yer normal condishn. Yoor beloved pastor hez a stumick and a head, wich is in close sympathy with each other, so much so indeed, that the principal biznis uv the head is to fill the stumick, and mighty close work it's been for many years, yoo bet. Let yoor beloved pastor drink, uv a nite, a quart or two more than his usual allowance, more than his stumick absolootly demands, and his head swells with indignashen. The excess is sin, and the ache is the penalty.

"The wages uv sin is death! Punishment and sin is ez unseperable ez the shadder is from the man—one is ez shoor to foller the other ez the assessor is to come around—ez nite is to foller day. The Dimekratic party, uv wich I am a ornament, hez experienced the trooth uv this text. When Duglas switched off, he sinned, and ez a consekence, Linkin wuz electid, and the sceptre departed from Israel. When—"

At this pint in the discourse, a old man in the back part uv the house ariz and interruptid me. He sed he hed a word to say on that subjik which must be sed, and ef I interrupted him till he got through, he'd punch my hed, whereupon I let him go on.

"Trooly," sez he, "the wages uv sin is death. I hev alluz been a Dimecrat. The old Dimocracy hez bin in the service uv sin for thirty years, and the assortment uv death it hez received for wages is trooly surprisin. Never did a party commence better. Jaxon wuz a honist man, who knew that righteousnis wuz the nashen's best holt. But he died, and a host uv tuppenny politicians, with his great name for capital, jumped into his old clothes, and undertook to run the party. Ef the Dimocracy cood hev electid a honist man every fourth or fifth term, they mite hev ground along for a longer period, but alass! Jaxson wuz the last uv that style we hed, and so many dishonist cusses wuz then in the Capital that his ghost coodent watch the half uv them.

"The fust installment uv death we received wuz when Harrison beat us. The old pollitishens in our party didn't mind it, for, sez they, 'The Treasury woodent hev bin wuth much to us anyhow after the suckin it has experienced for twelve years; it needs four years uv rest.' We electid Polk, and here it wuz that Sin got a complete hold uv us. Anshent compacts made with the devil wuz alluz ritten in blood. We made a contract with Calhoonism, and that wuz written in blood wich wuz shed in Mexico. Here we sold ourselves out, boots and britches, to the cotton Dimocricy, and don't our history ever since prove the trooth uv the text, 'The wages uv sin is death?' O, my friends! in wat heavy instalments, and how regularly, hev these wages bin paid us!

"Our men uv character commenst leavin us. Silas Write kicked out, and wood hev gone over agin us hed he not fortunately died too soon, and skores uv others followed soot. Things went on until Pierce wuz elected. The Devil (wich is cotton), whom we wuz servin, brot Kansas into the ring, and wat a scatterin ensood.

Agin, the men uv character got out, and gradually but shoorly the worl uv death went on. Bookannon wuz elected, but wuz uv no yoos to us. Afte Peerse hed run the machine four yeers, wat wuz there left? Eko ansers Another siftin follered, and the old party wich wunst boasted a Jaxson hed go down to a Vallandigum. The Devil, to wich we hed sold ourselves, wood no let us off with this, however. 'The wages uv sin is death,' and we hed not re seeved full pay ez yet. He instigatid South Karliny to rebel; he indoosed th other Democratic States to foller; he forced the Northern Democrisy to suppor em, and so on. That wuz the final stroke. Dickinson, and Cass, and Dix and Todd, and Logan, all left us, and wun by wun the galaxy uv Northeri stars disappeared from the Democratic firmament, leaving Noo Jersey alone and last fall, my brethren, she sot in gloom.

"Oh, how true it is! We served sin faithfully, and where are we? W went to war for slavery, and slavery is dead. We fit for a confederacy, an the confederacy is dead. We fit for States Rites and States Rites is dead. An Dimocricy tied herself to all these corpses, and they hev stunk her to death.

"Kentucky went heavy into the sin biznis, and whar is Kentucky We sent our men to the confedrit army, and none uv en cum back ceptin the skulkers, who comprised all uv that clas wich we wood hev bin glad to hev killed. Linkin wantid to hev us fre our niggers, and be compensatid for em. We held on to the sin uv niggers and now they are takin from us with nary a compensate. In short niggers is gone, my plantashen here hez fed alternately both armies, ez the cavorted backerds and forrerds through the Stait; my house and barns wu burnt, and all I hev to show for my property is Confedrit money, which i a very dead article uv death. I know not what the venerable old sucke in the pulpit wuz a goin to say, but ef he kin look over this section uv th heritage, and cant preach a elokent sermon on that text, he aint much on th preach. I'm done."

Uv coarse, after a ebulition of this kind, I coodn't go on. I dismist th awdience with a benedickshun, hopin to get em together when sich prejudice men aint present.

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THE SITUATION—THE DEMOCRACY WARNED.

(The Democratic leaders were in great doubt in 1866 as to the policy adopting President Johnson, and President Johnson was for a tim in doubt as to the propriety of adoptin Democracy. The Pres ident wanted the Democracy, but he also desired to retai in his party the "conservative" Republicans, and therefore a the beginning of his trouble his appointments were all made fro the latter class, much to the disgust of the former.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
February 15, 1866.

I hev hed hopes uv Androo Johnson. My waitin sole hez bin centred ont him for a year back. He wuz the Moses wich I spectid wood lead the Dim ocrisy out uv the desolate Egypt into which we hev bin makin bricks withou straw for five long weary and dreary years. O, how I hev yearned for John son! O, how I hev waited, day after day, and week after week, and mont after month, for some manifestation uv Dimocrisy wich is satisfactory—suthi tangible—suthin that I cood take hold on.

Faith is the substance uv things hoped for, and the evidence uv things no

seen; wich is all rite so far ez religion is concerned, but uv no account in politix. A friend uv mine, who wuz a monomaniac on the subjeck uv faith, undertook to live on it, under the insane belief that ez a man had faith, pork wuz unnecessary. Wuz the experiment a success? Not any. When he commenst the trial he weighed 200; in a week he wuz down to 125; and in fourteen days he slept in the valley!

I hev bin livin on faith for a year or more, and I too am thin. My bones show; light shines through me; I am faint and sick. O, for suthin that I can see and feel—suthin solid!

Our Dimocratic newspapers are supportin Androo Johnson. They claim that his policy is our policy; that he is ourn, and we are hizn. They are singin hosanners to him. At his every act they exclaim Halleloogy! in chorus. What is it all about? In what partikler hez Androo Johnson showed hisself to be a Dimokrat? In the name uv Dimocrisy let me ask, "Where is the offices?" Who got em? What is the politkle convicshuns uv the wretch who is the post master at the Corners, and who only last nite refused, in the most heartless manner, to trust me for postage stamps? Who is the Collectors, the Assessors, et settry? Are they constitooshnel Dimokrats? Is Stanton, and Seward, and Welles histed out uv the Cabinet, and Vallandigum, and Brite, and Wood appinted in their places? Not onct. Every post master, every collector, every assessor, every officer, is a Ablishnist, dyed deeply and in fast colors.

Faith without works is a weak institution; its like a whisky punch with the whisky omitted, wich is a disgustin mixter uv warm water and sugar. What is it to me (who hev bin ready to accept any position uv wich the salary wuz sufficient to maintain a individooal uv simple habits) who is beheaded, so ez I don't get a place? Androo Johnson may cut off offishl heads as dexterously and profoosely ez he chooses; but my sole refuses to thrill when I know that Ablishnists, though uv a different stripe, will be apinted. So long ez Dimokrats are kept out, wat care I who hez the places? Paul may plant and Apollus water; but uv what account is the plantin and waterin to me ef I don't get the increase? I take no delight in sich spectacles. Ef Androo Johnson proposes to be a Dimokrat—ef he desires the honest, hearty support uv the party—let him seel his faith with works.

I visited Washington with the express purpose uv seein the second Jackson. I am a frank man, and I laid the matter afore him without hesitation. I told him that the Post Master at the Corners wuz opposin his policy and aboosin him continually; that it wuz a outrage that men holdin place under the Administration should not sustain the Administration. In the name uv right, I demanded a change.

I sposed that to-wunst the position would be offered me; and that after protestin a sufficient time that I did not wish it, and wood prefer the appintment of some more worthy man, I should accept it, and go home provided for three years. Imagine my deep, my unutterable disgust, when he told me that he wood investigate the matter, and probably wood make a change, prvoided he cood find, in the vicinity, some original Union man who wood accept the place.

Then the iren entered my soul. Then I felt that in him we had no lot nor part.

Our principles are uv a very comprehensive nature. We are willin to endorse Androo Johnson, or any other man. We will endorse his theories uv Reconstruction, or any man's theories. We are elastic, like Injy rubber. The boy who set a hen on a hundred eggs acknowledged to his maternal parent

that she cood not kiver em; but he remarked he wantid to see the old thing spred herself. We hev that spredin capacity. We kin accoomodate the prejudices uv the people uv all the various localities. In Connecticut we are singin John Brown's body lies a mouldrin in the grave, in a modritly loud tone, and supportin a Ablishnist who voted for doin away with slavery in the District of Columby, and for the Constitooshnel Amendment. In Kentucky we are hangin men uv the John Brown style, and mobbin all uv the persuasion uv the Connecticut nominee. Sich a variety uv principle—a party uv sich adaptibility—kin hev but one great central idee, on wich there is no diversity uv opinion, and to which all other ideas is subordinate. That idea is Post Office! and ef Androo Johnson cood be got rite on that question, we'd care not wat else he required uv us.

We hev our arms around Androo. We are huggin him to our buzzums; but he hez left his baggage to hum. That baggage is wat we want; and we shel fling him off shortly, onless he changes his policy in this respeck. He kin hev us on easy terms; but he must furnish the ammunishun with which to fight the battles. Will he do it? That's the question a hundred thousand hungry soles, who hanker even ez I do, are daily askin.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, FEBRUARY 22.

(That famous, or rather infamous, speech of the 22d of February, 1866. settled the status of President Johnson, and indicated clearly his purpose of turning his back upon the loyal men of the country. He continued, however, to appoint Republicans to office, and refused to commit himself specifically to the Democracy. The real Republicans abandoned him from that moment.)

Washington, February 23, 1866.

I don't know, but there is a still small voice within me wich whispers, "All is well!" The delusive phantom, Hope, may be playin false with me. The wish may be paternal parient to the thought, and I may be indulgin in a dream from wich I shel be, to-morrer, roodly awakened; but it's my opinion that the day-star uv glory hez ariz onto the Dimocracy; that our nite uv gloom is over; and that, at last, the Government, or at least the only part we care about—the offisis is ourn. I heerd Andro Johnson speak last nite! I stood beside him! I helpt hold him up! I smelt his breath. It's all rite!

I hed hopes when he vetoed that large and varied assortment uv Ablishn abominashons—the Freedmen's Burow bill—notwithstandin there were pints in his message I coodent sanction. The veto wuz hevenly, but his reasons were unsound. When he expressed hisself ez bein determined upon sekoorin the niggers in their rites, I felt fearful that there wuz a honist difference uv opinion atween him and Congress wich might be settled, and then wat wood become uv us? Ef the niggers is to hev rites, in the name uv Heaven, I asked myself, what difference does it make to us whether they hev em by Charles Sumner's system (on whose head rest curses!) or A. Johnson's? And ez is customary when men ask theirselves questions I got no anser. Men never ask theirselves questions wich kin be ansered.

But last nite my doubts wuz removed. Little Sam Cox, and Dan Voorhees, and the Woods, and me, hed bin with Androo all day. The Ablishnists avoided him after the veto; and knowin he'd done suthin he wuzn't quite shoor wuz wise, he needed bracin up, and we wuz ready to brace him. Isn't it singler that men, when they go to the devil, alluz go in squads? Cox hed him cornered all day, a readin to him extrax from Forney's Press, and

choice selections from Sumner's speeches; and Voohees and the others wuz a intimatin to him that only in the buzzum uv the Dimocrisy cood he find that congeniality uv sperit so nessary to him; and by the time the seranade wuz ready he wuz ez full uv venom ez wuz possible, and his capacity in that line is immense.

The company all went with him onto the stand, and my eyes saw the first cheerin vision wich they hev beheld for yeers. Before us stood ten thousand or more Dimocrats. There wuz the veteran from Lee's army, in his soot uv gray, which hed, by continued contact with the pavements uv Washington—wich, not hevin bin slept on much, sense Bookannon's time, they don't sweep—becom somewhat uv the color uv the clay. There wuz the offiser who surrendered with Johnston, and them noble sons uv Baltimore, and Rawly; and Charleston, who, though they didn't serve their section in the field, were ardent in the support uv the cause. There were the old-stile Dimocrats uv the North, whose faith in Johnson's Dimocrisy, based upon the scene wich took place at the inauguration, wuz greater than mine, hed come with their appplications for Post Offises, and who jined so heartily in the cheers wich went up fer J. Davis; and there, addressin this crowd, wuz a President—the man who had the appintin power in his hands—who cood make and unmake Post Masters!

It did me good, and yet I doubted. Wood he go through with it? Wood he lock horns with Wade and Sumner, and dare the wrath uv Thad Stevens? Wood he? He wavered and shrunk back ez he saw the style uv the awdience before him; for he hed bin, for four years, accustomed to better dressed people. But Cox wuz ekal to the emergency. Samyooel whispered into his ear, "Charles the I!" * and flamin up like a conflagratid oil well, he waded in. Then I felt that it wuz all right. Then my soul expanded; and ez he went on, pilin Billinsgate upon Billinsgate, usin Tennessee stump slang, improved by a liberal mixture uv the more desprit variety he hed picked up in Washinton and Baltimore, I felt that it wuz indeed well with us. He wuz talkin as a Dimokrat to Dimokrats; and it wuz appreciated. Strippin off all the disguis he hed bin wearin for four years—washin off, in rage and whisky, the varnish and putty with wich he hed shined up his dullness, and filled up the cracks and cavities wich hed alluz troubled him—he stood forth ez we knowd him—Androo Johnson! How he did froth and foam! How he did lash his lait associates! and how those Dimokrats who came to Washinton with petitions for places in their pockets did wink at each other, and poke each other in the ribs, with exultation and jocularity wich they cood not conceal! And how the Ablishnists, wich hung onto the outskirts uv the crowd, in the hope that he wood declare himself in sich a way ez to give em some hope, did walk away sorrowful and sore, ez tho they felt that they hed a new trouble afore em! And how the soljers uv Lee, and the quartermasters wich hed made Richmond their headquarters doorin the war, did cheer and sling their hats into the air, and in the uncontrollable enthoosiasm uv the moment invariably snatched better ones from the heads uv the Northern men in the crowd! It wuz gorgus!

While His Eggslency's course gives me hope, I don't want it to be understood that I am prepared to fully and entirely indorse him. I don't go much on men who do things in a state uv madnis; neither do I invest heavy in that Dimokrat wich requires an extra load uv likker to make him act and talk like a Dimokrat. Androo Johnson wuz and is a Dimokrat—a ginoowine Dimokrat. The accident uv his learnin to read, in his yooth, gave him a pre-eminence over us in Tennessee, and

* Mr. Sumner, in a speech, spoke of President Johnson as the American "Charles I."

put him through the various places he hez filled. His affinities wuz with us; his style wuz our style, and his habits our habits; and he hed no biznis to ever git out uv the fold. I cannot forget that he went back on us at a critikle time in the history uv the party. He saw that the effort the Dimocrasy uv the South wuz makin to regain their rites wood be a failure; the aristocracy uv the South hed snubbed him, and refoozed to recognize him; but all this shood not hev affectid him. It's the normal condishn uv the lower grade uv Dimokrats to be snubbed; and they hev no rite to inquire whether anything the aristocracy uv the party propose is goin to be a failure or not. It's their dooty to obey orders without questioning.

Wat spiled Johnson wuz Massachoosits. He pretended to be loyal, and Massachoosits patted him on the back. They took him into good society. They let him associate with Sumner and sich, and the man became infatuated. He got to drinkin high priced drinks, and wearin clean shirts, and began to ape the manners uv those into whose sphere he hed bin thrown. There wuz these two opposin forces contendin against him—nateral proclivities and acquired tastes—wich may be represented by whiskey out uv a jug and mint juleps at Willard's. Massachoosits wuz a pullin him up, and North Carolina wuz a pullin him down. He wantid to stay with Massachoosits, but he wuz uncomfortable all the time; and finally nacher asserted her supremacy, and he broke over, and like the water long confined in a dam, when it's bustid its obstructions, and goes, it goes with a looseness, and tears up, and takes a very large quantity uv dirt and drift wood with it.

Before I tie myself to A. J., I want to know for certin what he proposes to do. Who is to hev the Post Offisis? Is Ablishaists to still retain the places uv trust and profit? Does he propose to organize a new party, made up uv sich Republikins ez he can indoose to foller him and the Dimokrisy? Ef so, I ain't in. Decidedly, I ain't in. Emphatically, count me out. For the reason that he kin git jist enuff Republikins, precisely, no more, to fill the offisis, and they will be uv sich a character ez will do the Dimocrasy no credit. I won't be tail to no kite. We are willin to play kite; but tail, never! Ef we boost Androo Johnson, Androo Johnson must boost us. Does he think we kin carry sich a load ez he is for nothin? Nary. Ef we hev a consoomin desire to git along without offisis, we are doin very well at that now, we thank yoo; and we haven't the responsibility uv the Administration uv a extremely shaky man to carry. Sich loads must be paid for.

But, after all, I hev hopes. He hez cut hisself loose from Sumner and Stevens; and in less than a week every Republikin uv modrit sensibilities will be aboozin him to that extent that he won't be able to git back agin. He's a animal uv the bull kind; and criticism and opposition is to him the red flag wich the Spanish matadors wave afore the animals they wish to infooriate, and they may drive him into our ranks.

I wait, and watch, and hope. Ef I kin wunst git a commission, with the broad seel uv the Postmaster General onto it, confirmin me in the possession uv the post orfis at the Corners, I shel bless the day that Androo Johnson left us, and prokoored his elevation to the Presidency. May the day be hastened!

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A KENTUCKY TEA PARTY.

(The poor whites at the South were made to believe that Hannibal Hamlin was a mulatto, and that Charles Sumner married a negress. The opinion held by this class of Mr. Sumner is fairly stated in the text.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stalt uv Kentucky),
April 1, 1866.

Charles Sumner is not a very popular man in this section uv Kentucky; on the contrary, quite reverse. He is known here ez an Ablishnist; ez one who is a chief supporter uv that hidjus sin—the infidelity, I may say, for a man may as well deny the whole Bible ez to cast discredit upon Onesimus, Hagar, and Ham, onto wich the whole system uv Afrikin slavery rests—the originator, therefore, uv the infidle beleef that Slavery is not uv divine origin, wich, judgin from the experience uv the last five years, appears to be a gainin ground in the North. He is not, therefore, popular in this region.

Yisterday I attendid a tea party at Deekin Pogram's, to wich the elite uv the Corners wuz present, incloodin an Illinoy store-keeper uv the name uv Pollock, wich hed bin invited because the Deekin hed, some three months ago, bought a bill uv goods uv him on ninety days' time, and wantid an extension. While at the table enjoyin the

"Cup wich cheers, but don't intoxicate very much,"

ez Dryden hez it (tho I bleeve, to keep off chills, in this country, they mix three and a half parts uv whiskey to one uv tea), the name uv Sumner wuz mentioned.

Mrs. Pogram to-wunst remarked that she didn't want the name uv that ojus creecher spoken at her table.

"Why?" sed I, gratified at the ebulition.

"I hate him," sed she spitefully.

"So do I," replied I; "but what hev yoo agin him, aside from his obnoxious political opinions?"

"Didn't he marry a nigger?" sed Mrs. P., triumphantly. "Didn't he marry a nigger—a full-blooded nigger? and hezn't he hed nineteen yaller children, evry one uv wich he compelled agin their will, to marry full-blooded niggers? Didn't he—?"

"Mrs. P.," sed this Illinoy store-keeper, wich his name it wuz Pollock, "do yoo object to miscegenation?"

"Missee—what?" replied she, struck all uv a heap at the word.

"Miscegenation—amalgamation—marryin whites with niggers."

"Do I?" retorted she; "ketch a son uv mine marryin a nigger! They are another race; they're beasts; and who'd marry em but jist sich men ez Sumner and them other Ablishnists?"

"Then permit me to ask," sed this Pollock, wich wuz bound to kick up a muss, "ef ther's any race uv pure blood in this section uv Kentucky wich is yaller?"

"No! uv course not," sed Mrs. P.; "them yaller people is mulatters—half nigger, half white."

"And them ez is quite white—not quite, but nearly so—about the color uv a new saddle, like Jane, there," sed he, pintin to a octeroon girl uv 18 wich used to belong to the Deekin afore the isshooin uv the infernal proclamashen, "like Jane, there, wich is waitin on the Deekin, and—but, good Lord!" sed he, startin up like a tragedian.

"Wat?" shouted the company, all startin up.

"Nothin," sed he; "only, now that Jane's face is in range with the Deekin's, wat a wonderful resemblance! She hez the Pogram nose and ginral outline uv face; not Mrs. Pogram's angularity, but the Deekin all over. My deer sir," sed he, addressin the Deekin, "ef she wuzn't a octoroon, I shood say she looks enuff like yoo to be yoor daughter, by a first wife, I shood say, for she hez not, ez I remarked, Mrs. P.'s angularity and gineral bonenis; but uv

ccurse, she bein a part nigger the resemblance may be sot down ez-a-very-remarkable-coincidence!"

The Deekin turned ez white ez a sheet, and Mrs. Pogram turned ez red ez a biled lobster, from wich I inferred that there wuz trooth in a rumor I hed heard about the Deekin and his wife hevin a misunderstandin about a nigger woman and her baby, about 18 years ago, wich resulted in his bein made baldheaded in less than a minute, and the baby's mother being sold South. The Illinoy store-keeper, uv the name uv Pollock, resoomed:

"I wuz about askin wat them niggers is, ez is nearly white?"

"Why, they're octoroons, or seven-eights white," sed Mrs. Pogram.

"And no Kentuckian ever marries a nigger?" inquired the store-keeper, who I saw wuz pursoodn his investigations altogether too far.

"Never!" sed Mrs. Pogram; "we leave that to Ablishnists."

"Well, then," sed this Pollock, who, I spect, wuzn't half so innsent ez he let on, "I see that yoo hev no objection to mixin with the nigger, providin yoo don't do it legally; that amalgamashen don't hurt nothin, providin yoo temper it with adultery. Is that the idee, Mrs. Pogram?"

Mrs. P. wuz mad, and made no reply, and Pollock persood the subjik.

"Jane there is, I take it, about one-eighth nigger. She got her white blood from whites, uv course; and ez there coodent be no marryin in the biznis, there is proof positive in her face that the 7th commandment hez bin violated about four times somewhere in this vicinity, or wherever her maternal ancestors, on her mother's side, may hev resided. What do yoo think about it, Deekin? Ez, a Christian, woodent it be better to marry em than to add a violation uv the commandment to the sin uv amalgamashen? It wood redoose yer load jest a half."

The Deekin wuz too indignant to reply, and ez it involved a pint altogether too hefty for his limited intelleck, I took it up.

"My dear sir," I remarked, "yoo don't make the proper distinction, or, rather, yoo don't appreciate the subjick at all. The nigger here sustains only one character with us—that uv a inferior bein, the slave uv the haughty Caucashen, uv whom we are the noblest specimens; that is, the Deekin is, he bein a Sutherner. I unfortunately wuz born in the North, and am a hawty Caucashen only by adoption. To marry a nigger wood be to destroy our idea uv sooperiority, for we marry only our ekals. The intercourse with em, the results uv wich yoo see indications, bein outside the pale uv matrimony, is not, ez yoo wood suppose, the result uv unbridled licentiousnis, but is merely the assertion uv our superiority. When the lordly Caucashen (uv whom the Deekin is wich) bids a daughter uv Ham (wich, in the original Hebrew, signifies the hindquarter uv a hog) come to him, and she doth it not, he breaks her head, wich inculcates obedience. One is only a slave indeed when he surrenders all his individual rites. The female slave cannot be considered ez entirely subdooed until she hez yielded to her owner everything. To marry em wood be to elevate em; the intercourse common among us is not a sin, bein merely the assertion uv that superiority wich we claim is founded on the Holy Scripter. See Onesimus, Hagar, and Ham."

"Yes," sed the Deekin, who wuz now on the right track; "it's a assertin uv our sooperiority; it's a dooty every white man owes to his class, and I, for one, will alluz—"

"Let me ketch yoo at it, Gabe Pogram," shouted Mrs. P., "and I'll give yoo sich a cat-haulin ez yoo never—drat yoor sooperiority, and yoor Ham, and yoor Caucashen. Niggers is niggers, and—"

Noticin that Mrs. Pogram hedn't quite arrived at the proper pitch uv

self-sacrifice, I turned the discussion onto Sumner agin, ez a subjik upon wich they cood all agree.

I learned that his father wuz a Dutch grocery-keeper, and his mother an Irish washer-woman; that he run away from home at the tender age uv eight, after murderin, in cold blood, his grandparents, one uv wich wuz a Algerine and tother a Chinese; that he wuz apprenticed to the shoemakin biznis, and hed cut the throat uv his boss and his wife, and immersed the younger children into a biler uv scaldin water, where they were found mostly dead seven hours afterward; that he acquired wealth a sellin lottry tickets and brass clocks, et settry. His servants wuz redoost Southern gentlemen wich he hed swindled into his debt, and wich, under the laws uv Massachoosits, coodent git away, and that his intimate friends and associates wuz niggers, with wich he sot long at the festive board, and drunk champane; that Lucresha Mott wuz his sister, Ann Dickinson his daughter, Fred Douglas his half brother, and that he kissed, habitually, every nigger child he met, and frowned so severely onto white children ez to throw em into spasms, and other items uv information uv wich, livin in the North, I wuz ignorant. Ez I remarked, he isn't popular down here, and cood hardly be elected to Congris from this Deestrick. The tea party broke up shortly after, Pollock winkin at me villainously ez he left the house, feelin good to think how he hed opened a old sore. That Pollock needs watchin.

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A CRY OF EXULTATION.

(The moment President Johnson proclaimed the war at an end, several of the Southern States enacted laws for the government of the negro scarcely less oppressive and absurd than those suggested by Mr. Nasby.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
April 2, 1866.

Kin it be? Is it troo, or is it not troo? Is Androo Johnson all my fancy painted him, or is he still a hevin-defying persekooter uv the Democratic Saints? That's wat I and some thousands uv waitin souls wood go suthin handsome to know. I confess I never quite lost faith in Androo. Pro-slavery Democracy sticks to a man ez does the odor uv the gentle skunk to clothes, and it is got rid uv only by the same means, to-wit, buryin the victim thereof.

Androo started out to be a Moses, and he is one; but I think he's changed his Israelites. I onst saw a woman skinnin live eels, and I reproached her, sayin, "Woman, why skinnest thou eels alive? Doth it not pain em?"

"Nary!" retortid she. "I've skinned em this way for going on to twenty years, and they're used to it."

Even so. The negroes hev bin in bondage so long that they're used to it, and Androo feelin a call to continue in the Moses bizniss, hez, I hope, turned his attention to the Dimocrisy. It's us he's a-goin to lead up out uv the Egypt uv wretchedness we've bin in for nearly five years; it's us that's a-goin to quit brick makin without straw, and go up into the Canan wich is runnin with the milk and honey uv public patronage. We shel hev sum fites; there's Amalekitish post masters and Philistine collectors to displace, but with a second Jaxon at our hed what can we fear?

I feel to-night like a young colt. To me it seems ez though my venerable locks, wich hangs scantily about my temples, hed grown black agin, and that my youth was returnin. Ef I hed any notion uv sooicide, that idea is dismist. I am young agin. Wat hez worked this change?

yoo ask. It's the proclamation declarin the war at an end, and withdrawin from the Dimecratic states the odious hirelins uv the tyrant Linkin, and the doin away uv that terrible marshal law. That's wat's done it for me. Now I feel like sayin, with wun uv old, "Mine eyes hev seed thy glory; let thy servant depart in peese."

We hev bin dooly subjoogated some time, and a waitin for this. We wantid it, and longed for it ez the hart does for the water course, and considerably more, onless the hart wuz thirsty in the extreme. For now we are in the Union agin; we are under the shadder uv that glorious old flag wich protects all men ceptin niggers and Ablishnists. The nigger is left to be adjustid by us, who is to be governed by the laws wich control labor and capital. Certainly he is—uv coarse. I saw two uv my neighbors adjustin one last nite. They wuz doin it with a paddle, wich wuz bored full uv holes. He didn't seem to enjoy it ez much ez they did. By that proclamation our states are agin under their own control. Let em go at wunst to work to destroy all the vestiges uv the crooel war through wich they hev past. There ain't no soljers now to interfere, for the policy uv keepin soljers in and among free people is abhorrent to freedom and humanity. Go to work at wunst, and build up the broken walls uv yoor Zion.

We must hev Peace and unanimity: and Peace cannot dwell among us onless there's a oneness uv purpose and sentiment. To prokoor this is yoor fust dooty. Ef there be among yoo them ez opposed yoo doorin yoor late struggle for Rites, hist em. Their presence is irritatin, and kin not be toleratid. Ablishnism is as abhorrent now as ever, and the sooner yoo are rid uv it the better. It is safe to assume that every man who opposed the lately deceased Confederacy is a Ablishnist.

The next step, and the most important, is to tear down the nigger schoolhouses and churches wich hev bin built here and there, and kindly take the nigger by the ear, and lead him back to his old quarters, wich is his normal position. The Yankee school teachers sent here by Freedmen's Aid Societies shood properly be hung for spreadin dissatisfaction and spellin-books among the niggers, but I wood advise mercy and conciliation. Tar and featherin, with whippins, will perhaps do ez well, and will go to show the world that our justice is tempered with charity; that we kin be generous ez well ez just. Yoor legislatures shood be instantly called together, and proper laws for the government uv the Freedmen should be passed. Slavery is abolisht, and the people must live up to the requirements of the act in good faith. I protest agin any violation uv good faith, but labor must be done, for the skripter commands it, and our frail nature demands wat can't be got without it. We don't like to do it, but shel skripter be violated? Not at all. The nigger must do it hisself, not ez a slave, for slavery is abolished, but ez a free man. Ethiopian citizens uv Amerikin descent (wich is mulatters), and full-blooded blacks, and all hevin in their veins a taint uv Afrikin blood, must be restrained gently, and for their own good I suggest laws ez follows:

1. They must never leave the plantation onto wich they are, when this act goes into effect, without a pass from the employer, under penalty uv bein shot.

2. They shel hev the privilege uv suein everybody uv their own color, ef they kin give white bail for costs.

3. They shel hev the full privilege uv bein sued the same ez white folks.

4. They shel be competent ez witnesses in cases in wich they are not interested, but their testimony is to go for nuthin ef it is opposed by the testimony uv a white man or another nigger.

5. No nigger shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate outside uv any incorporated city, town, or village.

6. No nigger shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate within any incorporated city, town, or village, except as hereinafter provided for, to wit: He shel give notice uv his desires by publication for six consecutive weeks in some newspaper uv general circulation in sed village, for wich publication he shel pay invariably in advance. He shel then give bonds, in sich sums ez the mayor shel decide, that neither he, nor any uv his ancestors, or descendants, or relations, will ever become public charges, and will always behave themselves with due humility, the bondsmen to be white men and freeholders. Then the mayor shel cause a election to be proclaimed, and ef the free white citizens shel vote "yea" unanimously, he shel be allowed to buy or lease real estate. If there is a dissentin vote, then he shel be put onto the chain gang for six months for his impudence in makin sich a request.

7. Their wages shel be sich ez they and the employers shel mutually agree; but that the negroes may not become luxurious and effeminate, wich two things is vices wich goes to sap the simplicity and strength uv people, the sum shel never exceed $5 per month, but not less than enuff in all cases to buy him one soot uv clothes per annum, wich the employer shel purchase hisself.

8. The master shel hev the privilege uv addin to this code sich other rules and regulations for their proper government ez may strike him ez bein good for em from time to time.

These provisions secure the nigger in all the rites wich kin reasonably be asked for him, just elevated ez he is from slavery, and thrown upon the world ignorant uv the duties of his new position and status. He is simple and needs the guidin hand uv the stronger race.

My hart is too full to make further suggestions. Organized into a tabloo, with the constitooshun in one hand (wich beloved instrument kivers a great deal uv ground), a star-spangled banner in the other, and a tramplin on a bloo coat wich I stript off uv a returned nigger soldier wich wuz sick, I exultinly exclaim, "The Union ez it is is good ez the Union ez it wuz. 'Ror!"

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
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A WAIL OF ANGUISH—THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL PASSED OVER THE VETO.

(In a speech in 1866 President Johnson claimed to have been the "Moses" of the negro, as he had been instrumental in leading him out of bondage. The name clung to him during his official life. The passage of the Civil Rights bill over the President's veto destroyed the hopes of those who expected to keep the freedmen in a state of semi-bondage.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
April 9, 1866.

I am a kittle full uv cusses.

Under me is a burnin fire uv rage, wich is bein continually fed with the oil uv disappointment.

And I bile over.

The civil rites bill, wich our Moses put his foot onto, we thought wuz dead.

And we fired great guns, and hung out our flags, wich we laid aside in 1860, and made a joyful noise.

For we sed, one unto another, Lo! he is a true Moses, inasmuch ez he is leadin us out uv the wilderness.

The civil rites bill wuz the serpent wat bit us, and he histed it, that we might look and live.

Now let us be joyful!

For the Ethiopian is delivered into our hands, bound hand and foot.

Blessed be Moses!

We will make him grind our corn; but he shel not eat thereof.

Blessed be Moses!

We will make him tread out our wheat; but we will muzzle his mouth.

Blessed be Moses!

He shall pick our cotton; but the hire he receiveth he shall stick in his eye without injuring the sight thereof.

Blessed be Moses!

He shall toil in the sugar mill; but the sugar shall he not sell.

Blessed be Moses!

His sweat shall nourish our corn; he shall eat nary ear thereof.

Blessed be Moses!

We will burn his school-houses, and destroy his spellin books (for shall the nigger be our superior?) and who shall stay our hand?

The school teachers we will tar and feather, and whar is the bloo-coated hirelins to make us afeerd?

Blessed be Moses!

We looked at the nigger, and said, Ha ha! the last state uv that chattle is wuss nor the fust; for before, we hed his labor while he wuz strong and healthy, but hed to take care on him when he wuz sick and old; and now we kin git his labor without the care.

Blessed be Moses!

The Ablishnists cast out one devil, and garnished the room; but there wuz seven devils more stronger and hungrier, which rushed in and pre-empted the premises.

Blessed be Moses!

But our song uv joy wuz turned into a wale uv anguish.

Moses sought to hist the serpent, but the serpent histed him.

He's on a pole, and the bitin North wind is a blowin onto him.

He can't get up any higher, because his pole ain't any longer, and he can't get down, because he ain't no place to light onto.

He vetoed the bills, and Congress hez vetoed him the civil rights bill they passed in a uncivil manner.

Now, bein the nigger hez rights, he is our ekal.

Our ekil is the nigger now, and onless the school houses is burned, and the spellin books destroyed, he will soon be our superior.

We wuz willin to giv him the right uv bein sued; but, alas! he kin sue.

He kin be a witness agin us, and he kin set his face agin ourn.

Our wise men may make laws to keep him in his normal speer, but uv wat avail is they?

We kin buy and sell him no more, neither he nor his children.

The men will cleave unto their wives, and the wives unto their husbands, and our hand is powerless to separate em.

Their children kin we no more put up at auction, and sell to the highest bidder, we pocketin joyfully the price thereof.

They hev become sassy and impudent, and say, "Go to, are we not men?"

I bade one git off the sidewalk, and he bade me be damned.

I chucked a nearly white one under the chin, and smiled onto her, and

she squawked; and her husband, hearin the squawk thereof, came up and bustid my head, even ez a white man would hev done.

I chastised wun who gave me lip; and he sood me, a Caucashun, for assault and battery, and got a judgment!

Wale! for Moses put out his hand to save us these indignities, but his hand wuz too weak.

We killed Linkin in vain.

Our Moses is playin Jaxson. He fancieth he resembleth him, becoz his inishals is the same.

He resembleth Jaxson muchly—in that Jaxon hed a policy wich he cood carry out, while our Moses hez a policy wich he can't carry out.

And ez he can't carry out his policy, the people are carryin it out for him.

Wich they do, a holdin it at arm's length, and holdin their noses.

Moses is a cake half baked; and he is hot on one side, and cold on tother.

He darsn't let go uv Ablishnism, and is afeerd to come to us.

He hez been takin epsom salts and ipecac; and one is workin up, and the other workin down.

Where kin we look for comfort?

Do we turn to the people? Connecticut ansers, "'Ror for Hawley!" and Noo Hampshire goes Ablishun.

Do we turn to the courts? Lo! Taney hez gone to his reward—him who aforetime dealt out Dimekratic justice, and who understood the nacher uv the nigger—and Chase, who is pizen, reigns in his stead.

Raymond is growin weak in the knees, and Doolittle is a broken reed on wich to lean.

We are too short at both ends.

Shall we go to Brazil? Lo! there they put niggers in office.

Mexico holds out her hands to us; but, lo! the nigger is considered a man.

We hev no escape from the Ethiopian; he is around us, and about us, and on top uv us.

I see no post orfis in the distance, no hope for the future.

Hed I bin a Ablishnist, so ez to make the thing safe in the next world, I shood be glad to die, and quit this.

For my sole is pregnant with grief; my hart bugs out with woe.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Lait Paster uv the Church uv the Noo Dispensashun.

THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
August 12, 1866.

At last I hev it! Finally it come! After five weary trips to Washington, after much weary waitin and much travail, I hev got it. I am now Postmaster at Confedrit X Roads, and am dooly installed in my new position. Ef I ever hed any doubts ez to A. Johnson bein a better man than Paul the Apossle, a look at my commission removes it. Ef I ketch myself a feelin that he deserted us onnecessarily five years ago, another look, and my resentment softens into pity. Ef I doubt his Democrisy, I look at that blessed commission, and am reassured, for a President who cood turn out a wounded Federal soldier, and appint such a man ez me, must be above suspicion.

I felt it wuz comin two weeks ago. I received a cirkler from Randall, now my sooperior in offis, propoundin these questions:

1. Do yoo hev the most implicit faith in Androo Johnson, in all that he hez done, all that he is doin, and all he may hereafter do?

2. Do yoo bleeve that the Philadelphia convenshun will be a convocashen uv saints, all actuated by pure motiv.s, and devoted to the salvation uv our wunst happy, but now distractid country?

3. Do yoo bleeve that, next to A. Johnson, Seward, Doolittle, Cowan, and Randall are the four greatest, and purest, and bestest, and self-sacrificinest, and honestist, and righteousist men that this country hez ever prodoost?

4. Do yoo bleeve that there is a particklerly hot place reserved in the next world for Trumbull, a hotter for Wade, and the hottest for Sumner and Thad Stevens?

5. Do yoo bleeve uv the canin uv Grinnell by Rosso?

6. Do yoo consider the keepin out uv Congris eleven sovrin states a unconstooshnel and unwarrantid assumption uv power by a secshnal Congris?

7. Do yoo bleeve the present Congris a rump, and that (eleven states bein unrepresented) all their acts are unconstooshnel and illegal, ceptin them wich provides for payin salaries?

8. Do yoo bleeve that the Memphis and Noo Orleans unpleasantness wuz brot about by the unholy machinashens uv them Radical agitators, actin in conjunction with ignorant and besotted niggers to wreak their spite on the now loyal citizens uv those properly reconstructed cities?

9. Are yoo not satisfied that the Afrikin citizens uv American descent kin be safely trusted to the operations uv the universal law wich governs labor and capital?

10. Are yoo willin to contribute a reasonable per cent uv yoor salary to a fund to be used for the defeat uv objectionable Congrismen in the disloyal states North?

To all uv these inquiries I not only answered yes, but went afore a justis uv the peace an took an affidavit to em, forwarded it back, and my commision wuz forthwith sent to me.

There wuz a jubilee the nite it arriv. The news spread rapidly through the four groseries uv the town, and sich another spontaneous outbust uv joy I never witnessed.

The bells rung, and for an hour or two the Corners wuz in the wildest state uv eggsitement. The citizens congratulated each other on the certainty uv the acceshun uv the President to the Dimocrisy, and in their enthoosiasm five nigger families were cleaned out, two uv em, one a male and tother a female, wuz killed. Then a perceshun wuz organized as follers:

Two grocery keepers with bottles.

Deekin Pogram.

Me, with my commishun pinned onto a banner, and under it written, "In this Sign we Conker."

Wagoo with tabloo onto it: A nigger on the bottom boards, Bascom, the grocery keeper, with one foot onto him, holdin a banner inscribed, "The Nigger where he oughter be."

Citizen with bottle.

Deekin Pogram's daughter Mirandy in a attitood uv wallopin a wench. Banner: "We've Regained our Rites."

Two citizens with bottles tryin to keep in perceshun.

Two more citizens, wich hed emptied their bottles, fallin out by the way side.

Citizens, two and two, with bottles.

Wagon with tabloo onto it: A niggurnitur uv a nigger skool, in a state uv

wreck, with a ded nigger layin on top uv it, wich hed bin captoored within the hour. Banner: "My Policy."

The perceshun moved to the meetin house, and Deekin Pogram takin the chair, a meetin wuz to wunst organized.

The Deekin remarked that this wuz the proudest moment uv his life. He wuz gratified at the appintment uv his esteemed friend, becoz he appreciated the noble qualities wich wuz so conspikuous into him, and becoz his arduous services in the coz uv Dimokrisy entitled him to the posishun. All these wuz aside uv and entirely disconnected from the fact that there wood now be a probability uv his gittin back a little matter uv nine dollars and sixty-two cents ("Hear! Hear!") wich he hed loaned him about eighteen months ago, afore he hed known him well, or larned to love him. But there wuz another reason why he met to rejoice to-nite. It showed thar A. Johnson meant biznis; that A. Johnson wuz troo to the Dimokrasy, and that he hed fully made up his mind to hurl the bolts uv offishl thunder wich he held in his Presidential hands at his enemies, and to make fight in earnest; that he wuz goin to reward his friends—them ez he cood trust. Our venerable friend's bein put in condishun to pay the confidin residents uv the Corners, the little sums he owes them is a good thing ("Hear! Hear!" "Troo!" Troo!" with singular unanimity from every man in the bildin), but wat wuz sich considerashuns when compared to the grate moral effect uv the decisive movement? ("A d—d site!" shouted one grocery keeper, and "We don't want no moral effect!" cried another.) My friends, when the news uv this bold step uv the President goes forth to the South, the price uv Confedrit skript will go up, and the shootin uv niggers will cease; for the redempshun uv the first I consider ashoored, and the reducin uv the latter to their normal condishun I count ez good ez done.

Squire Gavitt remarked that he wuz too much overpowered with emoshun to speak. For four years, nearly five, the only newspaper wich come to that offis hed passed through the polluted hands uv a Ablishnist. He hed no partickler objecshun to the misguided man, but he wuz a symbol uv tyranny, and so long ez he sot there, he reminded em that they were wearin chains. Thank the Lord, that day is over! The Corners is redeemed, the second Jaxson hez risen, and struck off the shackles. He wood not allood to the trifle uv twelve dollars and a half that he loaned the appintee some months ago, knowin that it wood be paid out uv the first money—

Bascom, the principal grocery keeper, rose, and called the Squire to order. He wanted to know ef it wuz fair play to talk sich talk. No man cood feel a more heart-felt satisfaction at the appintment uv our honored friend than him, showin, ez it did, that the President hed cut loose from Ablishnism, wich he despised, but he protestid agin the Squire undertakin to git in his bill afore the rest hed a chance. Who furnisht him his liquor for eight months, and who hez the best rite for the first dig at the proceeds uv the position? He wood never—

The other three grocery keepers arose, when Deekin Pogram rooled em all out my order, and offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, The President hez, in a strikly constooshnel manner, relieved this commoonity uv an offensive Ablishnist, appinted by that abhorred tyrant, Linkin, and appinted in his place a sound constooshnel Demokrat—one whom to know is to lend; therefore be it

Resolved, That we greet the President, and ashoor him uv our continyood support and confidence.

Resolved, That we now consider the work uv Reconstruction, so far ez

this community is concerned, completed, and that we feel that we are wunst more restored to our proper relations with the federal government.

Resolved, That the glorious defence made by the loyal Democracy uv Noo Orleans agin the combined conventioners and niggers, shows that freemen kin not be conkered, and that white men shel rule America.

Resolved, That, on this happy occasion, we forgive the Government for what we did, and cherish nary resentment agin anybody.

The resolutions wuz adopted, and the meetin adjourned with three cheers for Johnson and his policy.

Then came a scene. Every last one uv em hed come there with a note made out for the amount I owed him at three months. Kindness of heart is a weakness uv mine, and I signed em all, feelin that ef the mere fact of writin my name wood do em any good, it wood be crooel in me to object to the little labor required. Bless their innocent soles! they went away happy.

The next mornin I took possesshun uv the offis.

"Am I awake, or am I dreamin?" thought I. No, no! it is no dream. Here is the stamps, here is the blanks, and here is the commishun! It is' troo! it is troo!

I heerd a child, across the way, singin:

"I'd like to be a angel,
And with the angels stand."

I woodn't, thought I. I woodn't trade places with an angel, even up. A offis with but little to do, with four grocerys within a stone's throw, is ez much happiness ez my bilers will stand without bustin. A angel, forsooth!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
(wich is Postmaster.)

"SWINGIN' ROUND THE SIRKLE."—TO DETROIT.

(The famous tour of President Johnson was undertaken ostensibly in response to an invitation to assist in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a monument to the lamented Stephen A. Douglas, but really its object was to strengthen the Johnson movement. The President believed that his personal presence would stimulate his followers and overawe the opposition. General Grant and Admiral Farragut were invited to join the party in such a way as to make a refusal a very unpleasant matter, and the President, who had a high opinion of his power before popular audiences, expected to convert the crowds which were certain to assemble to see these great warriors. The speeches he made on the trip are scarcely caricatured in the text. It was in this instance, as in the Philadelphia Convention. The ring of office-holders in each town through which the party passed, organized a "tribute" to the President, and the people assembled in masses to do honor to Grant and Farragut, but invariably the President was greeted with unequivocal tokens of disapprobation. The venture was a ludicrous failure, and is fairly described in the text.)

At the Biddle House (wich is in Detroit, Michigan),
September the 4th, 1866.

Step by step I am ascendin the ladder uv fame; step by step I am climbin to a proud eminence. Three weeks ago I wuz summoned to Washington by that eminently grate and good man, Andrew Johnson, to attend a consultation ez to the proposed Western tour, wich wuz to be undertaken for the purpose uv arousin the masses uv the West to a sense uv the danger wich wuz threatnin uv em in case they persisted in centralizin the power uv the Government

into the hands uv a Congress, instid uv diffusin it throughout the hands uv one man, wich is Johnson. I got there too late to take part in the first uv the discussion. When I arove they had everything settled ceptin the appintment uv a chaplain for the excursion. The President insisted upon my fillin that position, but Seward objected. He wanted Beecher, but Johnson wuz inflexibly agin him. "I am determined," sez he, "to carry out my policy, but I hev some bowels left. Beecher hez done enuff already, considering the pay he got. No, no! he shell be spared this trip; indeed he shel."

"Very good," said Seward; "but at least find some clergyman who endorses us without hevin P. M. to his honored name. It wood look better."

"I know it wood," replied Johnson; "but where kin we find sich a one? I hev swung around the entire circle, and hevu't ez yet seen him. Nasby it must be."

There wuz then a lively discussion ez to the propriety, before the procession started, of removin all the Federal offis-holders on the proposed route, and appintin men who bleeved in us (Johnson, Beecher and Me), that we might be shoor uv a sootable recepshun at each pint at wich we wuz to stop. The Anointed wuz in favor uv it. Sez he, "Them ez won't support my policy shan't eat my bread and butter." Randall and Doolittle chimed in, for it's got to be a part uv their religion to assent to whatever the President sez, but I mildly protested. I owe a duty to the party, and I am determined to do it.

"Most High," sez I, "a settin hen wich is lazy makes no fuss; cut its head off, and it flops about, for a while, lively. Lincoln's office-holders are settin hens. They don't like yoo nor yoor policy, but while they are on their nests, they will keep moderately quiet. Cut off thir heads, and they will spurt their blood in your face. Ez to bein enshoord uv a reception at each point, you need fear nothing. Calkulatin moderately, there are at least twenty-five or thirty patriots who feel a call for every offis in your disposal. So long, Yoor Highness, ef them offisis is held just where they kin see em, and they don't know which is to git em, yoo may depend upon the entire inthoosiasm uv each, individually and collectively. In short, ef there's four offises in a town, and yoo make the appointments yoo hev sekoored four supporters; till yoo make the appointments yoo hev the hundred who expect to get em."

The President agreed with me that until after the trip the gullotine shood stop.

Secretary Seward sejested that a clean shirt wood improve my personal appearance, and akkordingly a cirkular wuz sent to the clerks in the Departments, assessin em for that purpose. Sich uv em ez refoosed to contribute thir quota wuz instantly dismissed for disloyalty.

At last we started, and I must say we wuz got up in a highly conciliatory style. Every wun uv the civilians uv the party wore buzzum pins, et settry, wich wuz presented to em by the Southern delegates to the Philadelphia convention, wich wuz made uv the bones uv Federal soldiers wich hed fallen at various battles. Sum uv em were partikerly valuable ez anteeks, hevin bin made from the bones uv the fust soldiers who fell at Bull Run.

The Noo York recepshun wuz a gay affair. I never saw His Imperial Highness in better spirits, and he delivered his speech to better advantage than I ever heerd him do it before, and I bleeve I've heard it a hundred times. We left Noo York sadly. Even now, ez I write, the remembrance uv that perceshun, the recollection uv that banquet, lingers around me, and the taste uv them wines is still in my mouth. But we hed to go. We hed a mishn to perform, and we put ourselves on a steamboat and started.

Albany.—There wuz a immense crowd, but the Czar uv all the Amerikas didn't get orf his speech here. The Governor welcomed him, but he welcomed him ez the Cheef Magistrate uv the nashen, and happened to drop in Lincoln's name. That struck a chill over the party, and the President got out uv it ez soon ez possible. Bein reseeved as Cheef Magistrate, and not ez the great Pacificator, ain't His Eggslency's best holt. It wuz unkind uv Governor Fenton to do it. If he takes the papers, he must know that His Mightiness ain't got but one speech, and he ought to hev made sich a reception ez wood hev enabled him to hev got it off. We shook the dust off uv our feet, and left Albany in disgust.

Skenactady.—The people uv this delightful little village wuz awake when the Imperial train arrived. The changes hadn't bin made in the offises here, and consekently there wuz a splendid recepshun. I didn't suppose there wuz so many patriots along the Mohawk. I wuz pinted out by sum one ez the President's private adviser—a sort uv private Secretary uv State; and after the train started, I found jest 211 petitions for the Post Offis in Skenactedy in my side coat pocket, wich the patriots who hed hurrahed so vocifferously hed dexterously deposited there. The incident wuz a movin one. "Thank God!" thought I. "So long ez we hev the post offices to give, we kin alluz hev a party." The Sultan swung around the circle wunst here, and leavin the Constooshun in their hands, the train moved off.

Utica.—The President spoke here with greater warmth, and jerked more originality than I hed before observed. He introdoost here the remark that he didn't come to make a speech; that he wuz goin to shed a tear over the tomb uv Douglas; that, in swingin around the circle, he hed fought traitors on all sides uv it, but that he felt safe. He shood leave the Constooshun in their hands, and ef a martyr wuz wanted, he wuz ready to die with neetnis and dispatch.

Rome.—Here we hed a splendid recepshun, and I never heard His Majesty speek more felicitously. He mentioned to the audience that he hed swung around the Suthern side uv the cirkle, and wuz now swingin around the Northern side uv it, and that he wuz fightin traitors on all sides. He left the Constitooshun in their hands, and bid em good bye. I reseeved at this pint only 130 petitions for the post office, wich I took ez a bad omen for the comin election.

Lockport.—The President is improvin wonderfully. He rises with the occasion. At this pint he mentioned that he wuz sot on savin the country wich hed honored him. Ez for himself, his ambishn wuz more than satisfied. He hed bin Alderman, Member uv the Legislacher, Congressman, Senator, Military Governor, Vice President, and President. He hed swung around the entire circle uv offises, and all he wanted now wuz to heal the wounds uv the nashen. He felt safe in leavin the Constooshn in their hands. Ez he swung around the cirkle—

At this pint I interrupted him. I told him that he hed swung around the cirkle wunst in this town, and ez useful ez the phrase wuz, it might spile by too much yoose.

At Cleveland we begun to get into hot water. Here is the post to wich the devil uv Ablishnism is chained, and his chain is long enough to let him rage over neerly the whole state. I am pained to state that the President wuzn't treated here with the respeck due his station. He commenst deliverin his speech, but wuz made the subjeck uv ribald laffture. Skasely hed he got to the pint uv swingin around the cirkle, when a foul-mouthed nigger-lover yelled "Veto!" and another vociferated "Noo Orleans!" and another remarked "Memphis!"

and one after another interruption occurred until His Highness wuz completely turned off the track, and got wild. He forgot his speech and struck out crazy, but the starch wuz out uv him, and he wuz worsted. Grant, wich we hed taken along to draw the crowds, played dirt on us here, and stepped onto a boat for Detroit, leavin us only Farragut ez a attraction, who tried twice to git away ditto, but wuz timely prevented. The President recovered his ekanimity, and swung around the circle wunst, and leaving the Constooshn in their hands, retired.

At the next pint we wuz astounded at seein but wun man at the station. He wuz dressed with a sash over his shoulder, and wuz wavin a flag with wun hand, firin a saloot with a revolver with the ohter, and playin "Hail to the Chief!" on a mouth-organ, all to wunst.

"Who are you, my gentle friend?" sez I.

"I'm the newly-appinted post master, sir," sez he. "I'm a perceshun a waitin here to do honor to our Cheef Magistrate, all alone, sir. There wuz twenty Johnsonians in this hamlet, sir; but when the commishn came for me, the other nineteen wuz soured, and sed they didn't care a d—n for him nor his policy, sir. Where is the President?"

Androo wuz a goin to swing around the cirkle for this one man, and leave the Consooshn in his hands, but Seward checked him.

At Fremont we hed a handsome recepshun, for the offises hevn't bin changed there, but Toledo didn't do so well. The crowd didn't cheer Androo much, but when Farragut wuz trotted out they gave him a rouser, wich wuz anything but pleasin to the Cheef Magistrate uv this nashen, who bleeves in bein respected.

Finally we reeched Detroit. This bein a Democratic city, the President wuz hisself agin. His speech here wuz wun uv rare merit. He gathered together in one quiver all the sparklin arrows he had used from Washington to this point, and shot em one by one. He swung around the cirkle; he didn't come to make a speech; he hed bin Alderman uv his nativ town; he might hev bin Dicktater, but woodent; and ended with a poetickal cotashun wich I coodent ketch, but wich, ez near ez I cood understand, wuz:

"Kum wun, kum all; this rock shel fly
From its firm base—in a pig's eye."

Here we repose for the nite. To-morrow we start onward, and shel continue swingin around the cirkle till we reach Chicago.

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THE TOUR CONTINUED—TO INDIANAPOLIS.

(At Detroit the colored waiters refused to serve the President. At Indianapolis his reception was anything but flattering. The excitable people were wrought up to the pitch of replying to him in terms anything but complimentary, and the meeting broke up in d isorder. The office-holders made amends, however, for they assembled the next morning, and he made his speech to them.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
September 11, 1866.

I am home, and glad am I that I am at home. Here in Kentucky, surrounded by Dimicrats, immersed a part uv the time in my offishel dooties, and

the balance uv the time in whiskey, with the privilege uv wallopin niggers, and the more inestimable and soothing privilege uv assistin in mobbin uv Northern Ablishnists, who are not yet all out uv the stait, time passes pleasantly, and leaves no vane regrets. I alluz go to bed at nite, feelin that the day hez not bin wasted.

From Detroit the Presidential cavalcade, or ez the infamous Jacobin Radical party irreverently term it, the menajery, proceeded to Chicago. The recepshuns His Imperial Highniss received through Michigan were flatterin in the extreme. I continue my diary:

Ipslanty.—At this pint the President displayed that originality and fertility uv imaginashun karacteristic uv him. The recepshun wuz grand. The masses called for Grant, and His Highness promptly respouded. He asked em, ef he wuz Judis Iskariot who wuz the Saviour? Thad Stevens? If so, then after swingin around the cirkle, and findin traitors at both ends uv the line, I leeve the thirty-six States with thirty-six stars onto em in yoor hands, and—

The train wuz off amid loud shouts uv "Grant! Grant!" to wich the President responded by wavin his hat.

Ann Arbor.—At this pint the train moved in to the inspirin sounds uv a band playin "Hale to the Cheef." Vocifrous cries uv "Grant! Grant!" His Majesty smilinly appeared and thanked em for the demonstration. It wuz soothin, he remarked. The air the band wuz playin, "Hail to the Chief," wuz approprit, ez he wuz Chief Magistrate uv the nashen, to wich posishen he hed reached, hevin bin Alderman uv his native village, U. S. Senator, et settry. The crowd hollered "Grant! Grant!" and the President thanked em for the demonstration. It showed him that the pople wuz with him in his efforts to close his eyes on a Union uv thirty-six states, and a flag uv thirty-six stars onto it. Ef I am a traitor, sed he, who is the Judis Iscariot? Ez I'm swingin around the cirkle, I find Thad Stevens on the one side and Jeff Davis on the—

The conductor cruelly started the train, without givin him time to finish. The crowd proposed three cheers for Grant, and the President waved his hat to em, sayin that he thanked em, showin as it did that the people wuz with him.

Battle Creek.—A large number wuz assembled here, who, ez the train stopped, yelled "Grant! Grant" Affected to tears by the warmth uv the reception, the President thanked em for this mark uv confidence. Ef he ever hed any doubts ez to the people's bein with him, these doubts wuz removed. He wood leave in their hands the flag and the Union uv thirty-six States, and the stars thereto appertainin. Ef he wuz a Joodis Iskariot who wuz—

The crowd gave three hearty cheers for Grant ez the train moved off, to wich the President responded by wavin his hat.

Kalamazoo.—The offishels were on hand at this pint, and so wuz the people—four offishels and several thousand people, wich the latter greeted us with shouts for "Grant! Grant!" The President responded, sayin, that in swingin around the cirkle, he hed bin called Joodis Iskariot for sacrificin us hisself for the people! Who wuz the Saviour? Wuz Thad Stevens? No! Then cleerly into yoor hands I leave the Constitution uv thirty-six stars and thirty-six States onto em, intact and undissevered.

The offishels received the Stars and Stripes, and amid cheers for Grant, for which the President thanked em, the train glode off magestically.

And so on to Chicago, where we didn't git off our speech, though from the manner in wich the people hollered for Grant! Grant! we felt cheered at realizin how much they wuz with us. His eminence wanted to sling the thirty-

six States and the flag with the stars on em, but ez General Logan wuz there, ready to fling it back, it wuz deemed highly prudent not to do it.

Here my trials commenst. At the Biddle House, in Detroit, the nigger waiters showed how much a Afrikin kin be spiled by bein free. They hed the impudence to refoose to wait on us, and for a half hour the imperial stumick wuz forst to fast. This alarmin manifestation uv negro malignancy alarmed His Eggsalency. "Thank God!" sed he, "that I vetoed the Freedmen's Buroo Bill. I hev bin Alderman uv my nativ town—I hev swung around the entire cirkle, but this I never dreemed uv. What would they do if they hed their rites?" The incident made an impression onto him, and at Chicago he resolved to trust em no longer. He ordered his meals to his room, and sent for me. "My friend," sed he, "taste everything onto this table."

"Why, my liege?" sed I.

"Niggers is cooks," sed he, "and this food may be pizoned. They hate me, for I ain't in the Moses biznis. Taste, my friend."

"But spozn," sed I, "that it shood be pizoned. Wat uv my bowels? My stumick is uv ez much valyoo to me ez yourn is to yoo."

"Nasby," sed he, "taste! Ef yoo die, who mourns? Ef I die, who'd swing around the cirkle? Who'd sling the flag and the thirty-six stars at the people, who'd leave the Constooshn in their hands? The country demands the sacrifice; and besides, ef yoo don't, off goes yoor offishl head."

That last appele fetched me. Ruther than risk that offis I'd chaw strickmine, for uv wat akkount is a Dimokrat, who hez wunst tasted the sweets uv place, and is ousted? And from Chicago on I wuz forced to taste his food and likker—to act ez a sort uv a litenin-rod to shed off the vengeance uv the nigger waiters. I wood taste uv every dish and drink from each bottle, and ef I didn't swell up and bust in fifteen minits, His Serene Highness wood take hold. I suffered several deaths. I resoom my diary:

Joliet.—The crowd wuz immense. The peasantry, ez the train approached, rent the air with shouts uv "Grant!" "Grant!" His Potency, the President, promptly acknowledged the compliment. He wuz sacrificin hisself for them—who hed made greater sacrifices? He hed bin Alderman uv his native town, and Vice President; he wuz too modest to make a speech, but ef he wuz Judis Iskariot, who wuz the Saviour? He hed swung around the cirkle, and hedn't found none so far. He left in their hands the—

And so on, until near St. Louis, when we penetrated a Dimocratic country, uv wich I informed His Majesty. "How knowest thou?" sez he. "I observe," sez I, "in the crowds a large proportion uv red noses, and hats with the tops off. I notice the houses unpainted, with pig pens in front uv em; and wat is more, I observe the crowds compliment yoo direct, instead uv doin it, ez heretofore, over Grant's shoulders. The Knights uv the Golden Cirkle, wich I spect is th-e identical cirkle yoo've bin swingin around lately, love yoo and approach yoo confidently.

The President brisked up, and from this to Indianapolis he spoke with a flooidity I never observed in him before. I may say, to yoose a medikle term, that he hed a hemorrhage uv words. At the latter city our reception wuz the most flatterin uv eny we hev experienced. The people, when the President appeared on the balcony uv the Bates House, yelled so vociferously for Grant, that the President, when he stepped forward to acknowledge the compliment, coodent be heard at all. He waved his hat; and the more he waved it the more complimentary the crowd became. "Grant!" "Grant!" they yelled; and the more the President showed himself the more they yelled Grant, until, overpowered by the warmth uv his recepshun, and unwillin to expose his health

the President retired without slingin a speech at em, but entirely satisfie that the people wuz with him.

The next mornin the offis-holders uv the state, without the people, as sembled, and he made his regler speech to em, wich appeared to be gratifyi to both him and them. The President does not like to sleep with a undelivere speech on his mental stumick. It gives him the nitemare.

Here I left the party, for a short time, that I mite go home and attend t my official dooties. There is five Northern families near the Corners wic must hev notice to leave, and eight niggers to hang. I hed orders to repor to the party somewhere between Louisville and Harrisburgh, wich I shel do ez, travelin by order, I get mileage and sich.

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THE TOUR ENDED—TO WASHINGTON.

(The President's longing for a hearty reception was gratified at Louisville The people of that city hurrahed for no one else. In that city Grant and Far ragut were ignored.)

White House, Washington, D. C.,
September 12, '66.

I rejined the Presidenshel party at Louisville, and glad I am that I di it at that pint. His Imperial Serenity hed bin pleased ever sence he left Ch cago, or rather sence he got near St. Louis, for two thirds uv Illinois wuz pizer and Indianapolis wuz pizener. From St. Louis the recepshuns wuz trooly co jel and even enthoosiastic. We got out uv the region uv aristocrats, and he come down to the hard-fisted yomanry. I seed holes thro the hats uv men; seed wat mite be called the flag uv Democrisy wavin from behind em, whic ez they genrally either had no coats at all, or if any, they were roundabouts wuz alluz in view. I saw wimen who disdained stockins and dipped snuff, an I felt to home. I wuz among Democracy. The cheerin for Grant and Farra gut closed ez we got into them regions, and uv the vociferous crowds half u em, the younger ones, cheered Andrew Johnson, while the old veterans, ther whose noses wuz blossomin for the tomb, cheered for Andrew Jackson. Hi Serenity smilinly acknowledged both by makin a speech to em, and wavin hi hat.

With these preliminary remarks I resoom my diary:

Louisville.—There wuz a magnificent demonstration here. His Imperi Majesty, who wuz in a eggsalent condition to make crowds large enough, r marked to me ez we wuz ridin through the streets, "'Splen 'splay! 'Mor' ten 'unerd sousand people—mor'n ten million people—mor'n ten 'unerd millio people—mor'n ten 'unerd sousand million people—and alluvum 'sporters m policy. 'Rah for me!"

His Majesty endoubtedly eggsagerated toward the last; but it is safe t put the throng down at a good many. That estimate is entirely safe. Ther wuz the finest display uv banners and sich I hev seen since we startid. The re white and red wuz displayed from almost half the houses, ladies waved the handkerchiefs ez we passed, and men cheered. A pleasin incident occu here. I noticed one gushin maiden uv thirty-seven wavin her handkercher tho she wuz gettin so much per wave, and hed rent to pay that nite. I reco nized her to wunst. When I wuz a citizen uv Ohio, and wuz drafted into th service uv the United States, and clothed in a bob-tailed blue-coat, and hed Oystran muskit put into my unwillin hands, and forced to fite agin my bret

en, our regiment passed thro Loolsville, and stayed there some days. I wuz valkin one afternoon, when I met this identical angel. She saw my bloo kote, and enraged, spit in my face with sich energy that she threw out uv her mouth a full set uv false teeth. I returned em gallantly, wiped my face with my handkercher, and vowed that handkercher shood henceforth be kept sacred. It wuz; and when I seed her wavin hern at our party, I wept like a Philadelphia Convenshen. I stopped the carriage, met the patriotic female, called her attention to the incident, and handed her my handkercher which hed, four years before, wiped her spittle. The incident gave new vigor to her arms, and from that time she waved two handkerchers, and mine wuz one uv em. I narrated the incident to the President, and he wept.

There wuz a large perceshen and a great variety of banners. Among the most noticeable wuz a company uv solgers uv the late war, each with a leg off, dressed in the gray uniforms into which they hed bin mustered out, with this motto: "We are willin to go the other leg for A. Johnson." Another company uv solgers, who hed each lost an arm, carried this inscription: "What we didn't get by bullets, we shel get by ballots."

The President cut down his speech jest one half here. In swingin around the cirkle he omitted to menshun that he found traitors on the Southern side uv it. But he left the constooshn in their hands cheerfully.

Cincinnati.—A very enthoosiastic recepshun—continyood and loud cheers for Grant, wich the President acknowledged. A unsophisticated Postmaster, who jined us here, wanted to know why the people cheered for Grant instid uv the President, to wich His Highness answered that they wuz considrit—they knew his modesty, and wanted to spare his blushes. Another man, who wuz also unsophisticated, asked him, confidenshelly, ef he didn't think there wuz a samenis in his speeches, and that ef he didn't think he'd do better to give a greater variety. His Eggslency asked him how there cood be more variety. "At Cincinnati," sed he, "I observed the following order:

"1. I swung around the cirkle; 2. I asked who wuz the Saviour ef I wuz Joodis Iskariot? 3. I left the Constitooshn, in the thirty-six states, and the flag with the thirty-six stars onto it, in their hands.

"Now, at Columbus, I shell vary it thusly:

"1. The Constitooshn, flag, and stars. 2. The Joodis Iskariot biznis. 3. Swingin around the cirkle.

"At Stoobenville, agin, ez follows:

1. Joodis Iskariot. 2. Swingin around the cirkle. 3. Constitooshn, flag, and stars.

"And so on. It's susceptible uv many changes. I thot uv that when I writ that speech, and divided it up into sections on purpose."

Johnstown, Pa.—A bridge fell down, onto wich wuz four hundred voters, killin a dozen uv em. His Eggslency felt releeved when heerin uv the axident, at bein asshoored that ther wuzn't wun uv his supporters on the bridge. He considered it a speshl Providence. The condukter overheerd the remark, and answered, that ef any uv his supporters wuz killed in that seckshun they'd have to import wun for the purpose.

Mifflin, Pa.—A enthoosiastic indivijjle who wants the Post Office at this place very much, fell on the President's neck, and wept, hailin him ez the "Preserver uv the Union." The President thanked him for the spontaneous tribcot, and left in his hands the Constitooshn, the flag, and the appintment he desired.

Baltimore.—There wuz a spontaneous recepshun here, wich wuz gratifyin

to us. The perceshun wuz immense, and the mottoes expressive. One division wuz heded by the identikle indivijjoel who fired the first shot at the Massachusetts men in 1861. He is a ardent supporter of President Johnson's policy. One flag wuz captured from a Injeany regiment at the first Bull Run, at wich the President wept. "Things is becomin normal," sed he, "when the people will stand that. Wat love!—wat unity! The flags uv both secshuns, wich wuz lately borne by foes, now minglin in the same proceshun, and all uv em cheerin me."

At last we arrived at Washinton, hevin swung entirely round the cirkle, and found traitors North and South. The demonstrashen to greet the President on his arrival wuz immense. The clerks in all the departments wuz out (at least them ez wuzn't will wish they hed bin, ez their names wuz all taken), the solgers on duty wuz ordered out, and altogether it wuz the most spontaneous exhibition I ever witnest. The Mayor made a speech. The President asked if he wuz Joodis Iscariot who wuz the Saviour—told them he had swung around the entire cirkle, and hed found traitors on all sides uv it, though sence he left Cleveland, Chicago, and Indianapolis he wuz satisfied there wuz the heft uv them in the North; but be this ez it may, he left the Constitooshen, and the thirty-six states, and the flag with thirty-six stars onto it, in his hands. He had bin Alderman uv his native village, and Congressman, and United States Senator, and Vice President, and President, wich latter circumstance he considered forchnit, but wuz, after all, an Humble Indivij'le. He didn't feel his oats much, and wood do his dooty agin traitors North, ez well as agin his misguided friends South. So ended the Presidential excursion.

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P. S.—I forgot to menshun that at Chicago we laid the corner-stone uv a monument to Douglas. The occurence hed entirely slipped my memory.

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THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS—EFFECT IN KENTUCKY.

(The overwhelming defeat of the Johnson party in the North was a crushing blow to the people of the South, who had hoped that through him slavery would, in some form, be restored.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 14, 1866.

There is mournin in Kentucky. The results of the elections in Ohio, Injeany, Pennsylvania, and Iowa reached me yesterday through a Louisville paper, wich wuz dropped off the cars at Secessionville, wich is the nearest station to us, and wich, I hapnin to be there, I picked up.

Ohio—40,000 Ablishn! Injeany—20,000 Ablishn! Pennsylvany—20,000 Ablishn! Iowa—30,000 Ablishn!

Ablishn! Wat a dreary waste uv Ablishn! Not a single oasis uv Dimocrisy anywhere—nary Aryrat on wich our ark kin rest in safety—but all around us the mad waves uv Ablishnism rearin their crested heads muchly.

I felt it my dooty to make this fact known to my neighbors; for, sposin that His Serene Highness' trip wood secure us enuff deestricts to make the next Congress safe, and consekently make us certin uv admission, they hed bin makin arrangements for restorin things to their normal condishun, ez they were before the war.

In fact, two weeks before, in view uv the expected success uv the Democracy, a meetin hed bin held on the subject. Some wuz for at once seezin

the niggers wherever they cood be found, and puttin em at work; but the conservatives overruled this. They held that slavery hed bin abolished, and that it ought not to be restored; in fact, that, to act in good faith, it cood not be re-established. Deekin Pogram announced a plan. The town authorities shood pass a ordinance for the proper government uv the niggers. Their good and ourn demanded it. For instance, they shood not be permitted to be out after 7 o'clock, p. m., in the evenin; they shoodent leave the plantation onto wich they wuz employed; they shood work every day till 7; and to do away with the pernicious work uv the Freedmen's Bureau, no man and wife wich hed bin married by a chaplin uv the Bureau, or by any one else, shood be employed on the same plantashen, and also no father or mother and child. Sich ez violated these ordinances shood be arrested by anybody and fined; and in default uv payment uv the fine and costs, shood be sold to the person who wood take his his or her labor for the shortest number uv years, and pay the fine and costs aforesed. "Ez a conservative," said the Deekin, "I sejest this plan."

"Do yoo want to know my definition uv the word 'conservative'?" sed Joe Bigler, a returned Confederate soljer, who, I bleeve, hez seen enuff uv war. "It's a man who goes a round-about way to do a devilish mean thing. Deekin, why can't yoo go to the devil by a straight road, ez I do?"

The interupshen uv the demoralized wretch wuzn't notist; and ez the trustees uv the township wuz all present, the ordinance wuz passed, and that night two-thirds uv the niggers within five miles uv the Corners wuz arrested and sold, and within two weeks every one hed bin capcherd.

I hied me to the Corners, and the first man I saw was Bascom, the grocery keeper, engaged in the congenial biznis uv tappin a barrel uv contentment, wich he hed jest receeved. I wuz a going to tell him the dread intelligence, when he caught site uv me. "Taste that, Parson," sed he, holdin out a tin dipper full. I drank it off, and one look at him onmand me. "Kin I o'ercloud that smilin cheek?" thot I, ez, in a fit uv absent-mindednis—wich I hev every now and then—I held out the empty dipper to be filled agin, wich it wuz. "No! for a time he shel be spared;" and I borrered his mule, and rode away pensively.

I wuz goin fust to Deekin Pogram's, for he wuz the most interested uv any in the settlement. After the meetin mentioned above, the Deekin had caused the arrest uv sich niggers ez he cood ketch, and had had em fined in sums uv $275 and uppards, wich bein unable, ez a rool, to pay the fine, he hed kindly bid em in.

He hed picked up, here and there, all uv his old servants, ceptin those which hed bin killed in the army, and the few misguided ones wich hed made their way North, and that mornin the plantashen wuz to be reconstructed upon the old patriarkle system. Mrs. Deekin Pogram wuz marshellin four uv the likeliest wenches I ever saw in the kitchen; his son Tom wuz chuckin a yaller girl under the chin, wich hed bin born on the place about eighteen years before, and wich, owin to a unfortunate resemblance to the Deekin, hed caused a onpleasantnis between him and his wife, wich ended in the loss uv the most uv his hair, and the sellin uv the girl's mother to Noo Orleans. The two girls hed each their waitin-maids, and wuz a puttin them through their paces. There hed bin some trouble in gittin em reconstructed, it being deemed necessary to take the conseet out uv em, wich they wuz all a doin. Ez I rode up, the old lady hed jest knocked one uv em down with a fire-shovel, and wuz dancin a Highland fling onto her prostrate body. Almira, the oldest gal, hed her fingers in the wool uv her gal; and tother one wuz thumpin hern to redose her to

her proper level; and the Deekin hisself wuz dealin with one ongrateful wretch who objected to bein put to work on them terms, not realizin that the Bureau was gone. Ez the Deekin hed a revolver, he yielded the pint, and submitted to be flogged, wich the Deekin wuz doin ez neatly ez I ever saw, considerin he hed bin out uv practis four years. He had him tied up to a tree, and wuz a wallopin uv him gorjus. While he wuz a convincin uv him with his whip that there wuz trooth in the Skripter, and that Ham wuz reely a servant unto his brethrin, I exclaimed, "Stop!" and immejitly whispered the appallin news in his left ear (tother hed bin chawd off in a misunderstandin at Bascom's the previous Sunday nite, after servis). Never shel I forgit the look uv woe on that eminent Christian's face. The whip fell from his nerveless hand; and with teers streemin down his cheeks, washin up little streaks uv dirt in the most heart-rendin manner, he gasped in a husky voice to the wife uv his buzzum, "Cut him down, Mirandy! The North's gone Ablishin, and the d—d niggers will be free anyhow!" and the old patriarch swooned away at my feet.

And sich a expression of anguish ez distorted the face uv the Deekin's wife I hope never to see agin. Droppin the shovel, she stood ez one petrified, with her foot elevated in mid air, ez in the act uv stompin, and uttering a shreek wich methinks I hear ringing in my ears yet, she fell precisely ez she stood, with her leg crooked ez ef 'twuz froze there. Tom released the gal he wuz subdooin, and mountin his horse rode off to the Corners without sayin a word; and unable to witness the distress uv that stricken family, I made haste to mount my mule and go too; while the niggers, feelin that they were wunst more their own men and women, scattered in every direction.

"Sich is the froots uv Radikelism," murmured I. "Sich is the bitter cup fanaticism hez put to our lips;" and castin one lingerin look at the prostrate forms uv the Deekin, his wife (with her foot insensibly raised) and their two gushin daughters, I spurred the mule, and departed.

Wood that every Ablishnist in the North hed seen that site, and wuz possessed uv a sole to appreshiate it! Then would they vote differently.

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THE CROSS ROADS HOAXED.

(The rebels of the Southern States desired nothing so much as relief from the disabilities enforced upon them as the result of their crime, expecting that through amnesty they would find some way of regaining control of their former slaves.)

Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
December 3, 1866.

I never wuz so elevated, nor never so cast down, in my life, ez last nite, and the entire Corners wuz ditto. The circumstances uv the case wuz ez follows: Me and a party uv friends wuz a playin draw poker with a Noo York commershal travler, I bleeve they call em, a feller with a mustash and side whiskers, wich comes South a talkin seceshn and a sellin goods. He made somo inquiries about the standin uv the dealers at the Corners, and wuz, arter sed inquiries, eggstremely anxious to sell em goods, for cash. They wanted em on ninety days' time, and on this they split. He agreed with em in principle—he drank to Jeff Davis, and damned Linkin flooently—but on the cash question he wuz inflexible and unmovable. To while away the rosy hours, a knot uv choice sperits, him inclooded, gathered in the Post Orfis, to enjoy a game uv

draw poker. There wuz me and Squire Gavitt, and Deekin Pogram, and Elder Slathers, and the Noo York drummer. We played till past the witching hour of 12 m., when graveyards yawn and gosts troop forth—when the New Yorker suckumd. His innocent, unseasoned bowels hedn't bin eddicated up to the standard uv Kentucky whiskey, wich, new ez we drink it, is pizen to foreigners. The Deekin and Elder grabbed the stakes wich wuz onto the table, and rifled his pockets on the suspishen that he wuz a Ablishnist, and rolled him out, and while in the very act, Pollock, the Illinoy storekeeper, cum rushin in, askin us ef we'd heerd the news.

We ansered yoonanimusly that we hedn't.

"I'm jist in from Looisville," sed he; "I jist rode over from the stashen. Looisville is in a blaze uv glory!"

'Wat," sez I, "hez Sumner killed Thad Stevens and immejitly committed scoicide?"

"Nary,'" sez he, "but Johnson and Congress hev cum together on the basis uv universal Amnesty, wich wuz proclaimed yesterday, to be follered by universal suffrage ez soon ez the South kin conveniently do it. They hev met and embraced on Horris Greely's plan."

Deekin Pogram bust into a hysterical laff, and in his joy handed me the proceeds uv his explorashen uv the pockets uv the Noo Yorker, and like a blessed old lunatic broke for the meetin house. In a moment or two the bell pealed forth its joyous notes, and in a minit more than the half-dressed villagers wuz seen emergin from their domiciles in all stiles uv attire. A few minits sufficed to make them understand wat wuz the occasion uv the uproar, and a more enthoosiastic population never woke the ekkoes. Afore five minits hed rolled off into eternity, there wuz a bonfire blazin on the North side uv the square, the sed bonfire bein a nigger skool-house wich the Freedmen's Commishn hed erected, and wich our enthoosiastic citizens hed in their delirium uv joy set fire to. It wuz emblematic. The smoke ez it rolled to the South methawt assoomed the shape uv a olive branch—the cry uv the nigger children wich coodent escape, symbolized their desertid condishn, and the smell uv em, ez they roasted, wuz like unto incense, grateful to our nostrils.

A informal meetin wuz to wunst organized by the lite uv the burnin skeeo-house, to wich Deekin Pogram addressed hisself. He remarked that this wuz a solemn occasion, so solemn indeed that he felt inadekate to express the feelins wich filled him. His mouth wuzn't big enough to give vent to his sole, though ef he didn't he'd bust. "Wat are we met for to-nite, my friends?" sed he; "wat's called us together? Wherefore these sounds uv joy —wherefore this fire, and wherefore is Bascom sellin likker at half price? Becoz we are rehabilitated—that's wat we are. Becoz the North hez gone into the olive branch biznis agin, and we hev wunst more our rites. We are amnestied. We kin vote—we kin go to Congress—we are agin citizens uv the great Republic."

Pollock, the Illinoy storekeeper, riz and begged permishn to say a word. He protested agin these doins. He understood, akkordin to Horris Greely's plan, that universal suffrage wuz to follow universal amnesty—why then this makin John Rodgerses uv the niggers? Wuz the South a goin to act in good faith?

Deekin Pogram replied: "The South never yit broke plighted faith save when she cood make suthin by so doin. At this present junkter uv affairs he presoomed the South wood extend, not precisely universal suffrage to the niggers, but the way wood be open to em. Sich a mass uv ignorance cood never be

trusted with the ballot without preparashen, and to prepare em wood be a overturnin the Kentucky theory, that the nigger is a beast, and the Northern Demokratic idea that the nigger wuz cust by Noer and doomed forever to be a slave.

"The gentleman from Illinoy will to-wunst perceive the fix we are in. They ain't fit for the ballot now, and ef we make em so, it overturns our theory, wich we can't do. Still we propose to be just to em. We shel give sich uv em the ballot ez are sufficiently intellijent, and shel not put the standard too high. We shel give every wun uv em the ballot who is able to reed the Greek testament flooently, and pass a credible examinashen in Latin, embroidery, French, German, English Grammar, and double-entry book-keepin. The path to the polls, yoo see, is open to em. Uv course we can't be expected to tolerate skoo-houses for em, cause that wood raise em above their normal condishen. Also, ther must be proper regulashens controllin em, for, my deer sir, they are mere infants, and ther totterin steps on the road to freedom needs directing. Society is a compromise in wich every one resigns ez much uv his persnel liberty ez the good uv the hull may demand. We count ourselves the hull, and the resinin uv persnel liberty must come from them. That nigger," sed he, pintin to wun wich the joyous citizens wuz stringin up to Bascom's signpost, "that nigger is a resinin his persnel freedom for the good of the hull. No doubt in his heart he murmurs, and ef the cord wich is chokin him cood be loosened, he wood repine. It is rough on him; but the sooperiority uv the Caucashn race must be—My God! it's one uv my niggers! Stop! Bascom, stop!" ejakilated the Deekin, but it wuz too late. The nigger wuz already black in the face, and hed ceased to kick, and the Deekin, heavin a sigh, perceeded.

"We shel scroopulously regard their rites. They shel hev the rite to buy land, and be in all respecks like us, ez soon ez they can be trusted. Till then they will hev to be restrained. There must be laws prohibitin em from receivin more than $4.50 per month, that they may not become bloatid aristocrats and pampered sons uv luxury—the proper development uv the country, and likewise the payment uv the Confedrit debt, requires manuel labor, wich we wuz never edjucated to do, and therefore the good of the whole requires that they shel resigne their persnel liberty so fur ez to be confined to the plantashuns, onto wich they hev engaged to laber, that they may relijusly do sed laber, wich is cleerly necessary, for yoo see ef I hire a nigger in Janooary, I must not be exposed to the chances uv his quittin me in July. But wat more kin they want? They are free to ez great a extent ez the good of society will permit. We shel give em qualified suffrage, fixin, uv course, wich is just, the qualifications ourselves, and bein valyooable members of society, hereafter we shel care fur em, so long ez they are healthy— Good Lord, why will them cusses persist in hangin up able-bodied niggers, when there's so many old ones around, good for nuthin but to celebrate with?" and to save another wun uv his former servants, the Deekin closed abruptly.

It is onnecessary to recount the further doins uv the nite. There wuz a skool-house and church, recently erected, burnd, with some skore or sich a matter uv young niggers in em, wich wuz too young to be of any yoose, save one girl, wich wuz neerly white and almost fifteen, wich ought to hev bin reskood, and five, ef I counted correctly, able-bodied men and wimin wuz hung. Bascom sold out his stock entirely, and by 3 a. m. the entire inhabitance uv the Corners wuz a layin around the square, in festoons.

There wuz a bitter awakenin to this scene uv festivity. At a little after 7, while the Deekin, the Elder, and myself wuz in Bascom's tryin to get an

assuager—and the best we cood do wuz to pour a quart uv water into a barrel wich hed bin emptied, and roll it around and thus flavor it—Captain McPelter, late uv Morgan's cavalry, cum in from Looisville. Eagerly we asked him the confirmation uv the tidins, when he informed us that it wuz a hoax—that no such thing hed bin done, nor wuz Congris in any sich noshen. Pollock dropped in, and when I reproached him with his dooplicity, he ansered that it wuz a hoax, but he hoped we'd excoose him. He hed a cravin desire to see whether ef Amnesty and Suffrage shood be adopted, how fur we'd go in the latter direction. He wuz satisfied and hoped we'd forgive him the pleasant jest. He'd made the Corners lively one nite, anyhow. I wuz too profoundly disgusted to reply to the wretch.

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MR. NASBY ESSAYS A SERMON, BUT IS INTERUPTED BY A NIGGER.

(In the message of Governor Bramlette, of Kentucky, in 1867, the language given in the text was, singular as it may now seem, actually used.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
January 10, 1867.

I wuz rekested a week ago to preech a discourse from the text wich the noble and high-minded Guvner Bramlette used with sich crushing force in his last annual message, to wit: "Kin the Leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin?" and alluz feelin anxious to do wat I kin for the cause, I did it last nite, or rather essayed to do it.

And here, let me remark, that there ain't a more devoted people in Kentucky than them lambs ez compose my flock. It wuz a techin site, and one wich filled my sole with joy, to see em pour out uv the groceries at the first tootin uv the horn, and to see Pennebacker, wich owns the Distillery, stoppin work to come; but the most cheerin and encouragin sign to me wuz to see Deekin Pogram, who wuz playin seven-up for the drinks with Elder Slathers, at Bascom's, lay down his hand when he hed high low and jack in it, and hed only three to go. "Elder," sed he, his voice tremblin at the sacrifice he wuz a makin, and a teer stealin down his cheek, "Elder, them's the horn. Let us to our dooties. 'Ligion must take the front seat uv temp'ral matters," and, sighin ez he cast a partin glance at his hand, he strode out reslootly to the sanktooary.

I opened by readin the follerin from Guvner Bramlette's message:

"The nigger is the inferior uv the white—he lacks the power to rise. Ontil the Leopard kin change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin, all efforts to repeal or nullify God's laws will be unavailin."

"My brethrin, these words is words uv wisdom, and for em let us be thankful. The skin uv the Ethiopian wuz inflicted onto him for the express purpose uv distingishin him from his brethrin, whose servants he wuz condemned to be, for all time, ez a punishment for the sin uv Cain, or the improodence uv Ham, wich, Democratic divines hevn't settled on. With the black skin he wuz given all the other marks uv inferiority. He wuz cust with long arms, immense hands, flat nose, and bowed legs, and that ther mite be no mistake in the matter, he wuz given wool instead uv hair. Halleloogy! Wat a blessid thing for us is this Ethiopian! Wat a consolation it must be to yoo all to know that ther is a race below yoo, and how blessid the reflecksbun that they can't change their

skin, and by that means git above yoo! That's the comfort we draw from the skripters. Wat a horror it wood be for Deekin Pogram, snorin so peacefly, ef when the Soopreme Court decides the Ablishn amendment unconstooshnl, and he gets his niggers back agin; ef ther shood be a new dispensashun, and niggers shood be permitted to change ther skins! Wat sekoority wood we hev for our property? Some mornin he'd wake up and find em all white persons, wich it wood be unconstooshnel to wallop.

"My brethrin, ther has bin many efforts to change the skin uv the Ethiopian, or rather ther hez bin many who wanted to. The Boston Ablishnists hev tried it, but wat hez bin the result? Ain't they niggers yit, and ain't they still the degraded wretches they alluz wuz? I paws for a reply."

I made this latter remark becoz it sounded well, not that I hed any idee that anybody wood reply. Imagine my surprise at seein a gray-headed nigger, wich hed bin, doorin and after the fratricidle struggle, employed in the Freedmen's Burow, rise, and remark that he hed a word to say on that pint. There wuz a storm uv indignashun, and the impudent nigger, who wuz so sassy ez to presoom to speak in a white meetin, wood hev bin sacrificed on the spot, hed not Joe Bigler, who wuz half drunk, drawd a ugly-lookin navy revolver, and remarkin that he knowd that nigger, that he hed more sense than the hull bilin uv us, and he shood hev his say.

"Ef," sed this recklis Joe, "ef he beats yoo, Perfesser, trooth is trooth; let's hev it. Ef he don't, why it's all the better for yoo. Ef yoor Websterian intelleck kivers the ground, all rite; ef his ponderous intelleck gets the best on't, jist ez rite. 'Out uv the mouths uv babes and sucklins.' Elder, I go my bottom dollar on this sucklin. Speak up, venerable; there won't none uv em tech yoo;" and he cockt his revolver.

"Beggin pardon," sed the nigger, "I agree with yoo, Perfesser, that the Ethiopian can't change his skin hisself, but does the Scripter say that it can't be changed for him?"

"Anser the venerable babe," sed Joe Bigler, pintin his revolver at me.

"I can't say that it does," sez I.

"Very good," retorted the nigger, "hezn't there bin a change goin on in Kaintuck from the beginnin? My mother wuz as black ez a crow—I'm considerable lighter—my wife's half lighter than I am—my gal's children is a half lighter than their mother, and I want to know wat Guvner Bramlette's got to say to that. The white man ain't got no cuss onto him, hez he?"

"Speek up, Perfesser—the sucklin wants yoo to be prompt," sed Joe Bigler.

I answered that "he hed not—that it wuz piled onto Ham or Cain and ther descendents, and nobody else."

"Very well, then," sed the nigger, "ez I am only half Ham or Cain, then uv course there's only half a cuss onto me, only a quarter onto my wife, only an eighth onto my daughters, only a sixteenth onto my daughter's children, and there's lots uv niggers in this vicinity wat hezn't got the thirty-second or sixty-fourth part uv it hangin to em. Guvner Bramlette also sed suthin bout niggers bein degraded coz twuz their nacher, didn't he, and that edducashen woodent do for em?"

"Professer," sed the tormentin Bigler, wich hed just whisky enuff into him to be ugly, "I must remind yoo that the partikeler babe and sucklin, out whose mouth yoor bein immensely condemned, expex prompt ansers."

I ansered that sich wuz the tenor uv the Guvner's remarks.

"Ef that's true, why don't the mulattoes come up faster? Ef it's the nateral stoopidity uv the nigger, the white man ain't affected by it, and the mu-

latto only half. I am 'quainted with the heft uv the people afore me, and I'll bet my last year's wages, wich Deekin Pogram ain't paid yit, that half uv em can't read any mor'n I kin. 'Pears to me I'd like to hev Guvner Bramlette take the load off us for a year or two and see whether we'd rise or not. We moutn't and then agin we mout. But I ruther think its a leetle too much to put a mill-stone on top uv a man and then kick him for not gettin up."

"Bully!" sed Joe Bigler. "Go on! go on!'

"It ain't square playin to make laws agin our risin, to flog us for hevin spellin-books, and to make it a penitentiary offence to learn to read, and to burn our skool-houses and then because we ain't just ready to enter college, to insist on't that we are naterally incapable. And above all, ain't it presoomin a little to charge it onto the Lord? Ain't yoo mistaken yoor own work for hizzen? 'Praps ef Guvner Bramlette's father hed bin flogged for wantin to learn to read, and Guvner Bramlette's mother hed bin brought up ez a feeld hand, and the same strategy hed bin practised on Guvner Bramlette's grandfather and great grandfather, and great, great grandfather, and great, great, great grandfather, and his great—"

"Hold on, venerable," sed Joe Bigler, "don't enumerate. Jest say his ancestors, back to the identicle time they wuz slaves to them Normans, wich held his projenitors jist ez closely ez yoo've bin held, and it'l be suffishent.'

"I plead guilty to the big hands, flat nose, and bowd legs. Possibly the first nigger hed em—possibly not. Ef Guvner Bramlette's ancestors hed bin kept at the hoe, his hands wood hev bin ez big ez mine; ef they'd borne burdens forever his legs wood be bowed, and ef ther noses hed bin perpetooally smasht, hizzen wood be flatter than it is."

"Hev yoo eny more questions to put to the Perfessor?" sed Joseph.

"No," replied the Ethiopian, "I hev sed my say."

"Then," said this Bigler, "I dismiss this congregashun, with this remark, that that nigger is under my protectin care, and ef a single lock uv his wool is disturbed, I shel feel it a sollum but painful dooty devolvin upon me, to put a ball into the carcass uv each uv the offishls uv this church, commencin with the Paster, and continuin all the way down to the scribe. Git!"

And pell-mell the congregashen piled out—one over another.

It will be necessary to dispose uv Joe Bigler somehow. He lost wat property he hed in the war, and is becomin exceedinly loose in his talk. He can't be tolerated long.

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MR. NASBY TRIES TO CONCILIATE THE AFRICAN.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
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March 28, 1867.

I hev made many sudden and rather 'straordinary changes in politix—some so very sudden that the movement perdoost conjestion uv the conshence. I rekollect wunst uv advokatin free trade and high protective tariff, all within twelve hours (I made a speech in a agricultural deestrick uv Noo York in the forenoon, at 10 a. m., and in a manufacturin town in Pennsylvany in the evenin, our platforin bein so constructid that both sides cood find a endorsement in it), and hev performed many other feats uv moral gymnastiks; but this last change I hev bin called upon to make is probably the suddenest. Last week Toosday, Deekin Pogram, Captain McPelter and I wuz engaged in riddin the Corners uv niggers. We hed endoord em ez long ez we thot possible,

and determined on standin it no longer. Selectin three, wich we wuz satisfied hed too much spellin-book into em to be enslaved agin, we wuz preparin notices to be served onto em, orderin em to leave in twenty-four hours, when I reseeved in the northern mail a letter marked "Free—Alex. W. Randell, P. M. G." I knowd it wuz offishel to-wunst—that blessed signatoor is on my commisshun, and I've contemplated it too often to be mistaken in it. Its contents wuz brief, and run thus:

"To all Postmasters in the Southern States: The niggers hev votes—consiliashen is our best holt. See to it."

This breef tho not hard to be understood order wuz sealed with the offishel seal uv the Post Offis Department, stampt into putty instid uv wax, to wit: a loaf uv bread, under a roll uv butter, with ten hands a grabbin at it. I comprehended the situation at site, and set about doing my dooty with Spartan firmness. "Deekin," sez I, tarin up the notises, "these niggers we hev misunderstood. They are not a inferior race—they are not descendants uv Ham and Hagar—it wuzn't Paul's idea in sendin back Onesimus to condemn him to servitood—we hev misunderstood the situation, and must make amends. The nigger is devoid uv smell, and is trooly a man and a brother!"

"Wat?" sez the Deekin, tippin back in amazement.

"Jest wat I say," sez I. "Read that," and I flung him the letter.

The upshot uv the conference wich follered wuz the callin uv a meetin the next nite, at wich all the Ethiopians uv the Corners wuz invited and urged to be present.

The trouble wuz to git the niggers to attend the meetin. The fust one I spoke to lafft in my face, and askt me how long it wuz sense I hed helped hang a couple uv niggers, by way uv finishin off a celebrashen. Pollock, the Illinois storekeeper, got hold uv it, and told Joe Bigler, and Joe swore ef the niggers hedn't any more sense than we give em credit for, in sposin we cood bamboozle em so cheep, he shood go back to the old beleef, to wit: that they wuz only a sooperior race uv monkeys, after all; and by nite every nigger in the vicinity wuz postid thoroughly, and out uv all uv em I cood only git four who wood promise to attend, and them the Deekin hed to pay $2 apiece to. To give it eklaw I promised one uv em $5 (to be paid at the close uv the meetin) to sit on the stand with me, wich, bein a very poor man, and hevin a sick wife in a shanty near by, who wuz sufferin for medicine (wich he coodent git without money), he accepted.

At this pint an idee struck me. I remembered Philadelphy, and determined to hev a scene rivalin the Couch and Orr biznis. "Another thing, Cuff. Understand that it's a part uv the bargain that when in my speech I turn to yoo and stomp, yoo must rise and embrace me."

"Wat?" sez he.

"Fall into my arms, lovin-like—yoo understand—just as tho we wuz long-lost brothers!"

"Scuse me," sed he. "I'se mity low nigger, and wants to buy de old woman some quinine, and wood do most anything foah dat; but, golly, dat's too much."

"Not a cent," sed I, sternly, assoomin my most piercinist gaze; "onless this is included!"

"Well," returned he, sulkily, "ef I must, I speck I must; but, golly—"

The nite arrived, and the meetin-house wuz full. We thot fust uv holdin it in the chapel uv the college, but give up the idea ez impracticable, ez, owin to the dillytorinis uv our Northern friends in forwardin sich subscripshens ez

they hev raised, we hevn't got no further with the bildin than layin the corner stun. In the front wuz the four niggers, all in clean shirts, and on the stand wuz the nigger I hed engaged. Over the platform wuz the follerin mottoes:

"In Yoonion there is strength—For President in 1868, Fernando Wood. For Vice President, Frederick Duglis."

"In the nigger, strength—In the Caucashen, beauty—In the mulatter, who is trooly the noblest uv the human species—both."

In addishen to these, we dug up all the old mottoes wich Jefferson writ, about yooniversal liberty, and sich, wich hedn't bin quoted in Kentucky for twenty years, and postid em up; in breef, hed Wendell Phillips' blessed sperit been hoverin over that metin-house, it wood hev smiled approvinly.

I spoke to em elokently on the yooniversal brotherhood uv man, holdin that whatever else cood be sed, Adam wuz the father uv all mankind, and that the only difference between a white man and a nigger wuz, the nigger wuz sunburnt. The nigger, I remarkt, wuz, ondoubtedly origenally white; but hevin bin, sence his arrival in this country, addicted to agricultooral persoots, he hed become tanned to a degree wich, tho it marred his physikle beauty, did not interfere with his sterlin goodnis uv heart. Ther hed bin differences between the races—at times ther hed bin onpleasantnises wich no one regretted more than I. The whites uv the Corners hed not alluz bin ez considrit ez I cood hev wished. They hed flogd sevral uv em, and hung many more, and in times past hed held em in slavery and sich; but that shood not be thot uv at this happy time. It wuz constooshnel to do these things then, and Kentucky wuz eminently a law-abidin State. "Here," sez I, "on this platform, with the flag uv our common country over me, I declare eternal friendship to the colored man, and to seel the declarashen I thus embrace—'

The obstinit nigger didn t stir a step.

"Come up and fling yoor arms around me, you black cuss," sed I, in a stage whisper. "Come up."

"No yoo don't, boss," sed the nigger, in a loud voice, wich wuz audible all over the church, and holdin out his hand. "I can't trust yoo a bressid minit. Gib me de $5 fust. Yoo owe dis chile foah dollars now fo' sawin wood fo' yoah post offis, and ef we's gwine to hab our rites de fus yoose I shel put mine to will be the gittin dat money. Pay up fus, and de 'brace afterward. I can't do sich a disagreeable ting widout de cash in advance."

This ruther destroyed the effect. The unities wuzn't preserved. The niggers in front bust out in a torturin laff, and Pollock and Bigler rolled in convulshuns uv lafture, in wich half uv our people joined. Me a standin petrified, in the attitood of embracin, and that cussed nigger standin with his hand extended for the money, with the Deekin and Bascom horror-struck jist behind, formed a tabloo wich wuz more strikin than pleasant.

The meetin wuz to-wunst adjourned, for it wuz evident to the dullest comprehensen that nothin more coodent be done that nite. Es yoosual, I failed for want uv capital. Hed I bin possessed uv the paltry sum uv five dollars, how diffrent wood hev bin the result! Perchance we may, thro that defishency, lose Kentucky. It must never occur agin—my salary must be raised. I can't make brix without straw.

Joe Bigler met me next mornin, and remarkt that he regrettid the occurrence, ez he ardently desired to see the two races a pullin together. "The fault, Perfesser," sed he, "wuz in not managin properly. The next time yoo want a spectable nigger to sit on the platform with yoo and the Deekin, or kiss or embrace yoo—git him drunk. He'll do it then, probably—I know he will.

Ef he's drunk enuff he'll hurrah for Johnson, and it's possible to git em down to the pint uv votin with yoo. Lord! how whiskey drags a man down. See wat it's brot yoo to!" and the insultin wretch rolled off, laffin boisterously. "Git em drunk, Perfesser!" he yelled ez long ez he cood see me.

We don't intend to give it up. Bigler's advice wuz given in jest; but, nevertheless, I shel act upon it. Whiskey is wat brings white men to us; and ef a white man kin be thus capchered, why not a nigger? The Afrikin hezn't got ez far to fall to git down to our level, and it'll take less to bring him. Bascom ordered five barrels to-day, wich I spose the Administrashen will pay for. We hev yet the Noo York Custom House, and more uv the perkesits must be yoosed for politikle purposes.

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THE RUSSIAN PURCHASE.

(The President was overrun by the seedy place-hunters who joined his faction in hope of attaining positions they never could get otherwise. The Blair family were candidates for almost every prominent position in the government.)

Washington, April 14, 1867.

It's done! Seward did it—him and me! The American eagle hez coz now to screem with redoubled energy. If the Nashnel bird wuz a angel, I shood remark to it, "Toon yoor harp anoo;" but it ain't, and therefore sich a rekest wood be ridiculous. This rapsody hez reference to the Rooshen purchis.

The idea originatid in these massive intelleck. When I wuz here afore, the Blairs, all uv em, wuz a crowdin the sainted Johnson for a mishun. Cowan wantid a mishun, and so did Doolittle; and that day pretty much all uv the delegates to the Cleveland and Philadelphy Convenshens had bin there, wantin some kind uv a place; wat, they wuzn't partikeler. One gentleman, whose nose (wich treely blossomed as the lobster) betokened long service in the party, urged that he hed bin a delegate to both convenshens. "Thank God!" sed Johnson. "Wood that both them convenshens hed bin made up uv the same men. I wood then hev bin bored for places only half ez much ez I am."

I wuz a helpin him out in my weak way. When the crowd wantin places became too great for human endooranse, I wood say in a modrit tone, "Let's go out and git suthin;" and to-wunst fully half wood exclaim, "Thank yoo, I don't keer ef I do!" It wuz a great relief to Johnson,but wuz pizen on me. With the most uv em, the anguish, anxiety, and solissitood in the gittin uv offises and free drinks wuz about an ekal thing. The offises they wantid wuz merely the means to that pertikeler end; and so long ez they wuz gittin the latter without the trouble uv the former, they wuz content. A good constooshen and a copper-lined stumick carried me thro this tryin ordeel, until I came across a Boston applicant, who, in consekence uv the perhibitory law, hed bin for some time on short rashens, and wuz keen set. Napoleon hed then met his Wellington, and I succumd. The man's talent wuz wonderful.

Sekretary Seward wuz in trouble about the Blair family. He hed did his level best for em. He hed appinted em to collektership and furrin mishuns; but the crooel Senit, wich hed no respeck for us, took delite in fastening uv em onto us by perpetooally rejectin em. Jest after a long siege by Montgomery and the old man, I sejestid the purchis uv the Rooshen Territory, to wich not only they cood be sent, but a thousand uv others wich we hed on our hands; and the Sekretary wuz so pleased with the idea that he wept like a child. He set immejitly about gittin testimonials ez to the vadyoo uv the territory, to influoence the Senit in ratifyin the treaty he wuz a goin to make. He

wrote to a naval officer about it, who answered more promptly than I ever knowd a naval offiser to do, ez follows:

"It's trooly a splendid country! The trade in the skins uv white bears kin be, if properly developed, made enormeus. There is seals there, and walruses so tame that they come up uv their own akkord to be ketched.

"P. S.—In case the purchis shood be made, a naval stashen will be necessary. May I hope that my long services on the Floridy Coast will prove suffishent recommendashen for the command uv the depot? May I?

"I hev the honor to be," &c.

A distinguished Perfessor wrote:

"The climate is about the style uv that they hev in Washinton. The Gulf Stream sweeps up the coast, causin a decided twist in the isothermal line, wich hez the effeck uv making it ruther sultry than otherwise. Anywheres for six hundred miles back uv the coast strawberries grow in the open air. I recommend strongly the purchis.

"P. S.—In case the purchis is made, a explorin expedishen will be necessary. May I hope that my scientiffik attainments are suffishently well known to yoo to recommend me as a proper person to head the expedishen? May I?

"I hev the honor to be," et settry.

The President wuzn't favorably inclined. He wuz full uv the old fogy idea that it wuz rather chilly there than otherwise. He hedn't faith in the Isothermal Line, and wuz skepticle about the Gulf Stream. It wuz his experience that the further North yoo got the coller it wuz. For instance, he remarkt, that while the people wuz warm toward him in Virginny and Maryland, last fall, they became very cold ez he got North. Wher wuz the Isothermal Line and the Gulf Stream then?

Randall, who will hev his joke, remarkt that the isothermal line twisted. He notist that the people made it ez hot for em ez he wantid it ez fur North ez Cleveland; to wich Sekretary Welles replied, that it only confirmed him in the opinion that for platin vessels uv war, iron wuz preferable to pine plank any time.

Seward removed the President's objections to-wunst. He read his letters, wich set forth the beauties and advantages uv the country twict over. Here wuz whales, and walrusses, and seals and white bears, and pine-apples, and wheat, and sea-lions, and fields uv ice the year round, in a climit ez mild and equable ez the meridian uv Washinton. The isothermal line wuz more accommodatin ther than in any other part uv the world. It cork-screwed through the territory so ez to grow fine peaches for exportation to the States, and ice to the Sandwich Islands, side by side. He drawd a picter uv the white bear a rushin over the line, and dissportin hisself in fields uv green peas! Imagine, he remarked, the delicacy uv polar bear meat fattened on strawberries; think uv the condishn the sea-lions must be in which leave their watery lairs to feed on turnips wich grow above the 60th parallel; think uv—

"It won't do," sed the President.

"Think uv," retortid the Sekretary, with a quicknis uv intellek remarkable, "think uv gettin rid uv the Blairs forever!"

"Will Ablishn Senit ratify the treaty?" askt Johnson, eagerly.

"I converst with many on the subjick, and they sed ef we cood promise that the Blairs would accept posishens ther, they wood do it cheerfly. For sich a purpose, sed one uv em to me, $7,000,000 is a mere bagatelle."

"I'll do it," sed Johnson. "I agree with the Senators for once. Rather than hev it fail, I'd pay it out uv Mrs. Cobb's share in our jint specelashens.

Freedom from the Blair family! Good Hevings! kin one man be so blest? Is ther sich in store for me? $7,000,000! Pish!"

My opinyun being askt, I give it. Ez hefty ez the vencher is from a commershl stan-pint, in a politikle pint uv view, the advantigis will be still heftier. The Rooshn territory will finally be the chosen home uv the Dimokrisy. Ther is already a populashen there adaptid to us, who kin be manipulatid without trouble, and the climit is favorable to a strickly Democratic populashen. The trouble with us here is that the amount uv likker necessary to the manufakter uv a Democrat kills him afore he hez the opportoonity uv votin many times, wich keeps us in a perpetooal minority. Our strength is, for climatic reasons, our weaknis. Far diffrent is it in Roosha. Ther the happy nativ may drink his quart ped day—the bracin atmosphere makin it abslootly nessary for him. Ther is the troo Democrutic paradise. How offen hev I sighed for sich a country. Then, agin, ther are posishens uv profit. The delegates to Congris will, ef I hev figgered it rightly, draw about $15,000 per session, mileage, wich is $30,000 per year, $60,000 per term. He cood afford to serve without the paltry $5,000, wich wood be cheap legislation, indeed.

And so it wuz agreed upon, and the treaty wuz made by telegraph at a expense uv $20,000. Before it wuz finely conclooded, some other little incidentals wuz inclooded by the Zar, wich run the price up to $10,200,000, but that wuz nothin for us. Seward went at his work with great energy. The purchis wuz divided into six territories (for the number uv delegates to our convenshens wuz large, and they all hed to be provided for), wich wuz named, respectively, Johnson, Seward, Cowan, Doolittle, Randall, and Welles. For the one in the extreme North, the furthest off, Frank Blair wuz appinted Governor; for the next, Montgomery; and the next, the old man, and the other three wuz held in reserve for the pure but unfortunate patriots wich might be hereafter rejected for the Austrian mishun. A list wuz prokoored uv the delegates to our various convenshuns, and them ez held bin martyred by the Senit; ther names wuz put into a wheel ez at Gift Enterprises, and the Judgeships, Marshalships, Clerkships, et settry, wuz drawd by lot. This ijee waz sejested by Postmaster General Randall, ez bein the easiest way uv doin it. He stated that the appintments from his department hed alluz bin made in this manner, ez it saved time in eggsaminin petitions, cirtifikets uv fitnis, and sich. In this way, about ez near ez I kin estimate, two per cent uv those claimin posishens at our hands hev bin provided for.

The idea is capable uv unlimited extension. The Administration feelin the releef it hez gin em, are already negotiatin for the British Provinces. This territory kin, by makin uv em a little smaller, be divided up into—say, forty—which, by makin a few more offises for each, and bein libral with explorin expedishuns and sich, will be suffishent to give places to all who really have claims upon us and who are pushin us.

The President breathes easier, and the Secretary is placid ez a Summer mornin. He hez cut the Gordian knot; he hez releeved hisself uv the boa constrickter wich wuz crushin him in its folds. Happiness pervades the White House.

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THE TRIP TO RALEIGH.

(Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, Representative Kelley, of Philadelphia, and other prominent Republicans, in 1867, made the tour of the Southern States, delivering addresses in the principal cities. To neutralize the effect

of their speaking President Johnson determined to follow them, and the laying of the corner-stone of a monument, to the memory of his father, who died in Raleigh, N. C., many years before, was made the occasion therefor. Mr. Nasby's account of the trip is but little exaggerated. It was as exquisitely absurd as the great Chicago excursion.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
June 10, 1867.

I accompanied the President to Rawly. The President doesn't feel safe at goin anywhere without me to arrange the details, and do the nice financeerin wich is necessary.

The Rawly trip wuz the occasion of a serious truble in the Cabinet. The President wuz in favor uv it. Ez he sed, he wuz essenshelly uv a filial persuasion. He hed alluz experienced a most consoomin love for his parents, perticklerly for them on his father's side. He hed swung around the entire cirkle uv offishel honor, and hed found traitors on all sides; but he cood lay his hand on his heart and say that he hed never knowed a troo man but who, at some period uv his life, hed a father. Why, then, shood we not honor our fathers? How cood it be better dun than by layin corner-stuns? His father deceest in 1812, and it wuz time that this dooty wuz attended to. Besides, at this crysis in the affairs uv the country, with Wilson and Kelly a snortin through the South, he felt it wood be a good thing to show ourselves.

Seward felt that it wuz well to go. Filial love wuz charmin. Shakspeer, who wuz ez justly celebrated ez a dramatist ez one he cood menshun wuz for diplomatic telegraffin, remarkt, "How sharper nor a serpent's tooth it is to hev a thankless child,"—the truth of which he hed experienced, ez he hed been styled the father uv the Republican party; but that wuz not to the pint. It is the dooty uv every son to lay corner-stuns. In this case it wood, perhaps, hev bin more creditable hed it bin dun fifty years ago; but wat difference is it? It is natral ez we are about being gathered to our fathers, that we shood remember em. Besides, he hed a little speech wich he felt he'd like to delivr. He wanted to bear testimony to the patriotism uv the son uv Jacob Johnson—particularly to our colored brethren in North Carliny, who hev bin listenin to Kelly and Wilson.

Randall didn't bleeve in it at all. He made bold to say that ez the deceest Johnson hed slept without a corner-stun for fifty-five years, he'd manage to git along without it for a while longer. It wuz rather late in the day. He bleeved in feelin sorrowful over the decease uv our relatives, but he didn't go much on doin it fifty-five years after date. It wuz too much like bustin into tears over the suffrins uv the last illness uv yer wife's great grandmother. The speeches he didn't bleeve in at all. He hed seen some uv it—he hed accompanied one tour uv the kind. He hed bin on it. He wuz at Cleveland, at Indianapolis, and Springfield, Illinoy. He begged to be excoosed. He didn't keer about tailin sich a kite agin. Ef the people uv the South shood receive us ez corjelly ez the people uv the North did, he preferred to consult his feelins, and be absent. He wuz a sensitive plant, and disliked sum things. Ef his memory served him rite, the demonstrashens coodent be considered flatterin. The people didn't fling dead cats at us, but they did wuss. Where they wuz cold, they wuz rather too cold. Where they wuz in a volatile humor, they wuz rather too lively. He hed about made up his mind that it wuzn't uv any yoose to fite it out on that line ef it took all summer. Success is a dooty; but when success is as impossible ez water in the great Sahara, wat's the yoose? Wherefore struggle? Let us go slow, draw our salaries to the end uv

our 'spective terms, and so live that when the summons comes to jine the innoomerable caravan that moves out uv Washinton to'ards their 'spective homes, we go not like the dusty slave at nite, wat's bet his all on two pair, but soothed and sustained by wat we saved—go like one who's got the wherewithal to live. It wuz a source uv comfort to him to know that the worst men wuz soon forgotten. Who ever speaks uv Tyler, or Peerce, or Bukannon, now? Benedict Arnold is only spoken uv on Fourth uv Julys, and Judis Iscariot on Sundays. It will be so with us in time, for wich thank the Lord.

But it wuz determined to go, and I wuz sent to Rawly to find where the grave uv the honored father uv our honored President wuz reely locatid, and to make other arrangements. I hed difficulty in locatin the grave, and ain't jest shoor that I found the right one. The people uv Rawly wuz anxious to hev it come off, ez trade wuz dull in the retail line; and for fear that I wood report that the grave coodent be found, and thus nip their buddin hopes, they giv me the choice uv fifteen. Selectin the most eligible, I made the uther arrangements and returned.

The eggscurzion contrastid very favorbly with the one we took last fall. The people receeved us at every stashen with the most affectin demonstrashens uv luv. "Johnson! Johnson! Johnson!" they yelled at each stoppin place, wich sounded sweeter in his ears and mine than the damnable iterashen of "Grant! Grant! Grant!" wich greetid us at every pint North. But ther wuz drawbax to our enjoyment. No sooner wood the President commence, "Fellow-citizens!" than Randall wood pull the bell-rope, and off the trane wood start. He wuz determined that the President shouldent speak, wich put me to a grate deel uv trouble, ez after we arrived I hed to write out and telegraph to the papers the speeches the President wood hev made.

At Rawley, General Battles welcomed the Presidential party, and the President responded. He remarked that in Rawley he first opened his tender eyes, a penniless boy. Here is the scene uv his childhood; here is everything to bind man to his fellow, and to associate him with that with wich he is associated; here is wher the tenderness uv heart hev taken holt upon everything to wich it hez attached itself. But he wuz wandrin from his subjick. His mind went back to the day he left this city a penniless boy. Where is them he left behind him? He begged to inquire where is the scenes uv his childhood? Where's the Haywoods?

"Killed at Antietam!" shouted a returned Confedrit. "I wuz by William's side when he wuz shot."

"Where is the Hunters?"

"Runnin a distillery at Waxhall's court 'house," sed the same fellow, who thot the President really wantid to know. He wuz choked down, and the President proceeded:

"Wher is the Roysters and the Smithses, the Brownses and the Joneses? Wher is the long list uv men that lived at that day, and who, like me, command respeck for constancy of devoshen? I feel proud uv this demonstrashen—I feel proud uv any demonstrashen. Ez alloosion hez bin made to my boyhood days, when I wuz a penniless boy, I may say here, ez pertinent to that subjeck, that I hev adhered to the fundamental principles uv the gov'ment, and to the flag and Constooshen. But to return to my subjeck. When I went out from among yoo a penniless boy, I adoptid the Constooshen ez my guide, and by them I hev alluz been guided. To the young I would say that they will be safe in takin me ez a model. Leavin here a penniless boy, it is not for me to say whether or not I hev succeeded. I am no longer a penniless boy, nor is them wich are round me. Mrs. Cobb ain't a penniless boy; nor is—

But this is wanderin from the subjeck. For the encouragement uv the young men afore me, I wood say, that I hev enjoyed all I care for. I am no aspirant for nuthin, and therefore the way is now open for em. All places uv honor is now before em. I thank yoo for this eorjel welcom. North Carolina sent me out a penniless boy, and did not afford me sich advantages ez, considerin my merits, I ought to hev had; yet I luv her. It's better ez it wuz. Goin out a penniless boy, and returnin after holdin every oflis, from Alderman uv my adopted village up to President, shows my qualities to much better advantage than ef I hedn't gone out a penniless boy. I thank yoo for this tribute to my many good qualities."

And he startid to go down, when Randall whispered suthin in his left ear. Risin promptly, and drawin out his hankerchief, the President assoomed a look uv subdood greef, and resoomed.

"I hev come among yoo to participate in the dedicashen uv a monument to a man wich yoo all loved, tho it hez taken suthin like fifty years for yoo to diskivir it. He wuz poor and humble, wich akkounts for my goin from among yoo a penniless boy; but uv him I am proud—for hed it not bin for him, I woodent hev returned the shinin example to yoo young men wich I am."

The corner-stun wuz laid, and the monument set on it. It is uv red limestone, ten foot high. It's ez good a ten foot uv stun respeck ez ther is in North Carliny. Ez the monument wuz elevated, ther wuz appropriate speeches and then my little arrangements cum in. A rigger woman I hed took with us from Washington rushed for'ard, and sed, "Bless de Lord, I've bin a waitin for dis day to see the President—our President!" at wich a squad uv niggers I'd picked up and drilled, hollered "Ror!"

This little affectin sceen over, two quadroons, wich I'd also bro't with us in a privit car, cum for'ard with a expression uv profound greef, at wich the President wept, and tenderly slung bokays uv the choicest flowers we cood buy in Washington, upon the tomb.

It wuz reely a techin tabloo. The ancient nigger woman a holdin the President's hand; the young quadroons a slingin the bokays; the President with his head bowed, apparently a dreamin uv the days uv his boyhood; me with an expression uv thankfulness that the niggers hed at last recognized their Moses; Seward with a saintly smile on his face; Welles tryin to look ez near like Seward ez possible, but failin miserably to look like anything but the eggrejis old ass he is, and Randall with his handkercher to his eyes ez ef onmanned by the movin sceen, but keepin one eye cocked over the handkercher to see how it took among the niggers. It wuz a sceen easier to be imagined than described.

Ther wuz incidents which occurred wich did not appear in the telegraph. When His Excellency wuz speekin uv himself, and remarkt that his race wuz nearly run, a unregenerated nigger yelled out, "Tank de Lord!" And when the quadroons wuz a strewin flowers on the grave uv His Excellency's father, I observed rather more titterin among the niggers than I approved uv on so solemn an occasion. I askt Randall what he thought uv the speckelashen, and his answer, "It don't pay!" struck me ez havin a vane uv trooth runnin through it.

On our return, the President wuz allowed to speak more, for Randall got tired of watchin him. We returned in good health, and some wuz in good spirits. Seward feels well, for he hez an abidin faith that the mere showin uv hisself alluz hez an effeck for good upon the people, and ez a matter uv course Secretary Welles thinks so to.

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AN AMNESTY PROCLAMATION.

(The liberal and shrewd use of patronage was all that saved the President from impeachment. There were Republican Senators who were opposed to it on legal grounds, but there were others who were too deeply indebted to the President to vote for impeachment.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
September 10, 1867.

I wuz brot to Washinton by a despatch. His Eggslency hed at last determined to put his foot down—to assert his power, and to take measures sich ez wood bring to the top, where they properly belong, that large class uv the citizens uv the Republic who wuz engaged in the little onpleasantnis, wich the Administists took advantage uv to deprive em uv their rites, and to keep em from exercisin the influoence in the government they are, and alluz wuz, entitled to. In short, ez Congress wuz adjourned, and coodent, by no means, be got together till November, the President wuz convinced that it wuz his dooty to improve his time, and be reelly President.

The consultation over the Proclamation wuz long and painful. Binckley, who is now runnin the government most, hed written the whereases, wich is the most uv the document. Seward had added onto em the Proclamation proper, wich wuz so small ez to give it a tad-pole appearance, and it wuz to be discussed. All uv em wuz in favor uv it but me. Ez anxious ez I wuz for the liberashen uv our friends in the Southern States; ez anxious ez I wuz to give that blessid saint, Deekin Pogram, a chance to wallop a nigger agin afore he died, without bein interfereed with by a bloo-coated hirelin, I still hed a dread. "Dare yoo," sed I, "go further in this biznis? Isn't impeachment at the end uv it, ef yoo stir up this matter? And with Wade in the Presidential chair—my God! Pollock wood hev my post-offis! My liege, I hed a dream last nite. Methawt—"

"Go on with the dream," sed His Eggslency. "Go on, and I will be yoor Joseph to interpret it."

"Kin yoo assoom the caracter uv Joseph, and carry it out," sed Randall, "with Mrs. Cobb in Washinton?"

This interrupshen preventid me from narratin my dreem, so I resoomed at the pint at wich I wuz interruptid. "And my opinion is the opinion uv all yoor appintees. The offis-holder is naterally a Conservative. Agitashun, my liege, mite shake us out uv our places. On yoo we hang—yoo are our hope, our anker and our chiefest trust."

And my remarks, wich I delivered with a tremblin voice, and with teers rollin down my furrowed cheeks—I felt the solemnity uv the occasion, for wat cood I do ef turned out into the cold world at my age?—wuz receeved with peals uv lafture.

"My deer sir!" sed A. J., "yoor innosence surprises me. Impeach me! Never, so long ez filial and family love is a distinguishin carakteristic uv the leedin minds uv America—never, so long ez a Senator hez a nephew to provide for, or a brother who wants a place. Ah! that love uv blood relashuns! Wat a beautiful thing it is! And how strong is the marriage relation wich prompts a man, when he hez promised to love, cherish, and protect a wife, to go cherishin and protectin all her brothers' and sisters' children—the love goin frekently, like leprosy, to the third generation! Thank the Lord for it! It's my only holt! Set yoor mind at eeze by peroozin these," and he tost me a bundle uv letters, neatly done up, and labelled "Letters from Radicle Members uv the House and Senit."

A lite dawned onto me ez I opened the first one. It wuz from a distinguished Senator, and read, ez near ez I kin remember now, thus:

Senit Chamber, March 6, 1867.

"To the President: Notwithstandin the slite difference uv opinion that may egzist between us on certin minor questions uv public policy, and despite the unguarded expressions I may hev indulged in in the heet uv debate, I kin trooly say that I hev ever cherished the most endoorin faith in the rectitood uv yoor intenshuns, the honesty uv yoor purpose, and the purity uv yoor motives. I hev a nephew in my State who desires the posishen uv Assessor uv Internal Revenoo. He is capable and honest; and while he hez alluz voted the Republican ticket, he hez dun it so mildly ez not to be objeckshenable to those who differ with him. Indeed, last fall he wuz accoosed, and perhaps justly, uv votin for a candidate for Congress who wuz a supporter uv yoor policy, wich, tho I do not in all respecks accept, hez, I must acknowledge, many pints in it to recommend it to a discriminatin people. I shood esteem his nominashen a persnal favor.

"With sentimence uv the most profound respect and esteem,

"I remain admirinly yours,

"_____ _____."

"P. S.—It is, I trust, onnecessary for me to state that I regard all projecks of impeachment ez wild, visionary, onnecessary, and dangerous; and no sich projeck kin ever reseeve my support. I forgot to menshen that a brother uv mine who hez never taken a part in politics, and hez, therefore, his opinyuns to organize, wood gladly accept any posishen under the government, and a brother-in-law woodent be averse to simlar employment. It's a matter uv no consekence to yoo, uv coorse, but I shel oppose the reassemblin uv Congress till the regler time in December. I am inflexibly opposed to establishin dangerous precedents. Shood yoo make the appintments I desire, I kin git em confirmed by the Senit, ez well ez an ekal number uv yoor own appintments. In matters uv this kind ther must be compromises."

In my surprise I uttered a prolonged whistle. "Them appintments wuz made," sed His Eggslency, with a sardonicle smile. "Them appintments wuz made. Read another—there's a varied and well-selected assortment uv em. The Senit is my fish-pond. I drop my hook therein, baited with a Assessorship, and bless me, how they bite at it! Go on!"

"Senit Chamber, March 7, 1867.

"To the President: I am, ez yoo are aware, known ez a Radical; but between generous foes there kin be none of that terrible spirit uv blind hate which characterizes some uv my associates, who shel be here nameless. I will say, however, that ef the Senators from Massachoosetts, and some others I cood menshun, wood resine or die, they wood confer a favor upon the country. I oppose yoo becoz I differ with yoo, ez does my state; but that opposishen hez never lessened my high admirashen uv your patriotism, yoor even temper, or the many good qualities uv yoor head and heart, wich shine out so conspickuous. I hale you ez a worthy successor uv the first A. J. I hed not intended to mix things persnel to myself in this friendly triboot, but will do violence to my feelins by observin that the posishun uv Collector at _____ is admirably adapted to a cousin uv mine, whose talence ez a lawyer hez never bin appreciated by those who know him best. He agrees with me that impeachment is not to be thot uv, and that sessions uv Congress, other than reglar ones, is uselis. Shood yoo be pleased to make the appintment, I shel be proud to return the favor in any way possible. Ef it woodent be askin too much, a son uv mine wood be glad to serve his country ez a Inspecter uv Revenoo. Inheritin from me devoshun to our common country, he burns to devote himself to her service.

"With sentiments uv profound respect,

"I am, yours, as ever,

"_____ _____."

"Them appintments wuz made also," sed the great man, "and three or four more throwd in when he found how cheep he cood get em. He visited me after I hed given him all he asked for, and we hed a friendly interchange uv views. He persisted in differin with me; but ez we partid, I askt him ef ther

wuzn't jist one more appintment he wanted? Jist one more? Throwin himse on my neck, he exclaimed, 'Not one! Not one! My brothers, my brothers-i law, my nephews, and the doubtful members uv the Legislacher wich finall conclooded to vote for me, are all provided for.' Bless the Lord for th appintin power! The biznis uv tradin birth-rites for messes uv pottage b gun with Esaw; but, thank Heven, it didn't end with him!"

It wuz unnecessary for me to read more. I hed seen enuff to satisf me that the integrity uv one third uv the Senit wuz rather honey-combed, an like a rusty muskit, not strong enuff at the breech to bear a severe trial wit out danger uv bustin. I saw precisely wat wuz the rock on wich we stoo and what a citadel it wuz. Kin these men, with these letters in the hands u our respected cheef, and ther relatives all a drawin rashens, turn and rer the hand wich feeds em? Cood I do it?—and ain't they even ez I am?

So the proclamashen wuz ishood, and I went home a feelin good. We sha yet wallop niggers in Kentucky; we shel yet redoose em to ther normal spee our afflicted brethren in Tennessee will yet vote, and them not amnestied wi be speshly pardoned ez ther superior merits deserve, and withal ther will be n impeachment. For wher the carkis is, ther will be the buzzards also, and w hev the control uv the carkis. Some uv the buzzards are so gorged with ca kis that their eyes is shut—enuff uv em to inshoor our posishen till the en uv our term. It is well with us.

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THE OHIO STATE ELECTION, 1867.

(Ohio, the most radical of the Western States, voted down the Amendme striking the word "white" out of her constitution by an enormous majorit The result was as mortifying to the liberal men of the United States as it w gratifying to the rebels and their Northern coadjutors.)

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October 12, 1867.

Feelin that the time hed arrived which wuz to decide whether 7,000 degrad niggers wuz to grind 500,000 proud Caucashens into the dust, I felt that ef shood fail in my dooty now, I shood be forever disgraced. Accordingly, I p in the eleckshun day at a Dimocratic town in Ohio—the battle-field—the ile tikle place into wich I made a speech doorin the campane.

I arrived ther on the mornin uv the eleckshun, and found that compe hensive arrangements hed bin made for defeatin this most nefarious and da gerous proposishen. Paradin the streets ez early ez 7 a. m. wuz a wagon co taining 25 virgins, runnin from 27 to 39, the most uv em rather wiry in te ture, and over their heads wuz banners, with the followin techin inscriptio "Fathers, save us from Nigger Ekality!" "White Husbans or None!" wood hev bin better, I thot, hed they bin somewhat younger. Ther wuz sutl preposterous in the ijee uv females uv that age callin upon fathers to sa em from anythin, when in the course of nacher their fathers must hev bin lyin in the silent tomb for several consecutive years, onless, indeed, they m ried young. Ef still livin (I judged from the aged appearance uv the damsel their parents must be too far advanced in years to take an activ part in bizn In another wagon wuz a colleckshun uv men wich hed bin hired from the n rode, twelve miles distant, whose banners read, "Shel ignerent Niggers v beside intelligint Wite men?" Hangin over the polls wuz a broad piece

white muslin, onto wich was painted, in large letters, "Caucashuns, Respeck yer Noses—the nigger stinks!" Then I knowed it wuz safe. That odor hez never yet bin resisted by the Democrasy, and it hez its influence over Republikins.

I never saw sich enthoosiasm, or more cheerin indicashuns uv the pride uv race. Ez evidence uv the deep feelin that pervaded that community, I state that nine paupers in the poor-house demanded to be taken to the polls, that they might enter their protest agin bringin the nigger up to a ekality with em, wich wuz nine gain with no offsets, ez ther wuzn't a Ablishnist in the institooshun. Two men in the county jale for petty larceny, wuz, at their own rekest, taken out of doorence vile by the Sheriff uv the county, that they mite, by the ballot, protest agin bein degraded by bein compelled, when their time wuz out, to acknowledge the nigger ez their ekal. One enthoosiastic Dimekrat, who cost us $5, hed to be carried to the polls. He hed commenst early at one uv the groceries, and hed succumbed afore votin. We found him sleepin peacefully in a barn. We lifted the patriotic man, and in percession marched to the polls. We stood him on his feet, two men supportin him—one on either side. I put a straight ticket into his fingers, and takin his wrist with one hand, held his fingers together with tother, and guided his hand to the box. Ez it neared the winder, he started ez ef a electric shock hed struck him, and, straightenin up, asked, "Is it the sthrate ticket? Is Constooshnel Amindmint No! onto it?"

Ashoorin him that it wuz all rite, he suffered me to hold his hand out to the Judge uv Eleckshun, who took the ballot and deposited it in the box. "Thank Hivin!" sed he, "the nagur is not yet my ayquil!" and doublin up at the thigh and knee-joints, he sank, limber-like, and gently, onto the ground. Ez he hed discharged the dooty uv an Amerikin freeman, we rolled him out to one side uv the house, wher the drippin uv rain from the roof wood do suthin toward soberin him off, and left him alone in his glory.

The amendment got but a very few votes in that locality. The Republikins jined us in repudiatin it, mostly upon ethnologikle grounds. One asserted that he hed bin in favor uv emancipashen in time uv war, becoz the Afrikins cood thereby be indoost to fite agin their Southern masters, and it wood hev the effeck uv makin the drafts come lighter in his township. He wuz a humanitarian likewise. He opposed crooelty toward em. He wept when he heerd uv the massacre at Fort Piller, becoz in the army the nigger wuz ez much a man ez anybody, and sich wholesale slaughters tendid to make calls for "500,000 more" more frekent. But when it come to givin em the privilege uv votin beside him, it coodent be thot uv. He cood never consent that a race whose heels wuz longer than hizzen shood rool Ameriky. "My God!" sed this ardent Republikin, "ef yoo give em the ballot, wat kin prevent em from bein Congrismen, Senators, Vice Presidents, and even Presidents? I shudder when I think uv it;" and he hurried in his vote.

I didn't quite see the force uv his objeeshen, for it never okkurred to me that bein sent to Congris wuz the natural consekence uv votin. I hev voted for thirty years, at many elections four or five times, but I hev never bin to Congris. Wher is the constituency wich wood elect me? But it wuzn't my biznis to controvert his posishen. It made no difference to me wat his reason wuz for votin ez I desired him to vote.

The nigger-lovers beat up one man to vote for the Amendment, wich, I saw by his dissatisfied look, hed bin over-perswadid. "Sir!" sed I, "do yoo consider a Afrikin suffishently intelligent to be trustid with so potent a weapon ez the ballot?"

Bustin away from them wich hed him in charge, he exclaimed, "No, I

don't! I can't vote for it. They ain't intelligent enuff. Sir, scratch off the 'Yes' from my ballot, and put onto it 'No!' "

"Here is a pensil," sed I.

"Do it yerself," sed he; "I can't write."

And I did it. Sich is the effeck uv a word in season. Words fitly spoken is apples uv gold, set in picters uv silver.

One man woodent listen to me, but votid the Amendment. He hed bin a soljer, and for eleven months partook uv the hospitality uv the Confedrits at Andersonville. Escapin, he wuz helped to the Federal lines by a nigger, who wuz flogged almost to death, in his site, for not betrayin wher he wuz hid. I mite ez well hev talked to a lamp-post, or whispered Gray's Elegy into the ears uv a dead mule, wich is the deadest thing I ever see. Ez he shoved in his ballot, he remarkt suthin about he'd ruther see a nigger vote than a d—d rebel, any time. From the direckshun uv his eye-site, I persoom he referred to me.

I left for home ez soon ez the votes wuz counted, and the result wuz made known, only waitin till the poll-books wuz made out, and the judges uv eleckshun hed got ther names written by the clerks, and hed made their marks to em. On my way home I wuz gratified to see how the nateral antipathy to the nigger hed revived. At Cincinnati, the nite uv the eleckshun, they wuz bangin uv em about, the patriotic Democrisy goin for em wherever they cood find em, and the next day, ez I saw em at the ralerode stashens, they hed, generally speekin, ther heds bandaged. It wuz cheerin to me, and I gloated over it.

Full uv gladnis, I entered Kentucky, and joyfully I wendid my way to the Corners. I wuz the bearer uv tidins uv great joy, and my feet wuz pleasant onto the mountins. Ez I walked into Bascom's, they all saw in my face suthin uv importance.

"What is it?" sed Deekin Pogram. "Is it weal or woe?"

"Is the proud Caucashen still in the ascendant in Ohio, or hez the grovelin Afrikin ground him into the dust?" askt Issaker Gavitt.

"My friend," sed I, takin up the Deekin's whisky, wich, in the eggscitement uv the moment, he didn't observe, "the Constitooshnel Amendment, givin the nigger ekal rites, hez bin votid down by the liberty-lovin freemen uv Ohio. Three cheers for Ohio."

They wuz given with a will. The wildest enthoosiasm wuz awakened. Bascom put a spigot in a fresh barl, and the church bells wuz set a ringin. The niggers were a dismayed look, and got out uv the way ez soon ez possible. A meetin wuz to wunst organized. Deekin Pogram felt that this wuz a proud day. Light wuz breakin. The dark clouds uv fanaticism wuz breakin away. We hed now the Afrikin in his normal posishen in Ohio, and we will soon hev him likewise in Kentucky. He moved the adopshen uv the follerin resolooshens:

"Wareas, Noer cust Canan, and condemned him to be a servant onto his brethren, thereby cleerly indikatin the status uv the race for all time to be one uv inferiority; and,

"Wareas, To further show to the eyes uv the most obtoose that a difference wuz intended, the Almighty gave the nigger a different anatomicle struckter, for full partikelers uv wich see the speeches uv the Demokratic stumpers doorin the late campaign; and,

"Wareas, The attempt to place the nigger on an ekality with the white in votin ez well ez taxashun, we consider the sappin uv the very foundashun uv civil liberty, ez well ez uv the Crischen religion; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Constitooshnel and Biblikle Democracy uv Kentucky

send greetin to their brethren uv Ohio, with thanks for their effectooal squelchin uv nigger superiority.

"Resolved, That to the Republikins uv Ohio, who voted agin suffrage, our thanks is due, and we congratulate em that now they, ez well ez us, are saved from the danger uv marryin niggers; and likewise do we ashoor em, that in a spirit uv mutual forbearance, we care not wat particular creed they perfess, so long ez they vote our principles.

"Resolved, That the will uv the people havin bin cleerly indikated, we demand the insershun uv the word 'white' in the Constitooshun uv the Yoonitid States.

"Resolved, That we ask the colored voters uv Tennessee, and other States where colored men hev votes, to observe how they are treated in Ohio, where the Ablishnists don't need em. In them States we extend to em a corjel invitashun to act with us."

The fakulty uv the Institoot met next mornin, for the purpus uv revisin the Scripters. It wuz decided that the word "white" should be insertid wherever necessary, and that that edishen only be yoosed by the Dimocracy and Conservativ Republikins. We made progress, the follerin bein a few uv the changes:

" 'So God created a white man in his own image.'

" 'Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before white men,' &c.

" 'Suffer little white children to come unto me, for uv sich is the kingdom uv Heaven.' "

Wich last is comfortin, ez it shows that the distincshen is kept up through all eternity. I give these merely as sarples. We shel hev it finisht in a few days, and, ef funds kin be raised, shel publish it. Sich a vershun uv the Skripters is needid.

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THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, 1867.

(The hope of the Southern people that they would finally get pay for their negroes did not leave them till after the election of General Grant, in 1868. Every Democratic victory in the North revived it.)

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
November 10, 1867.

The Corners wuz prostrated with joy last nite at the receet uv the news uv the November elecshuns. Ther wuz nothin demonstrative about their joy, ez there hed bin on occasions uv less interest. No! the result wuz too great, too overwhelmingly great! Our nachers wuz filled with joy, and it bubbled up to the eyes, and slopt over in floods uv teers. Deekin Pogram's dawter Miranndy borrered a tamborine, wich wood answer for a timbrel, and attempted to dance down the street, after the fashion uv Miriam, singin, "Shout the glad tidens," et settry, but we rebookt her. Sich exultashen seemed to us inadekate. The Deekin met me, and fallin onto my neck, wept perfoosely down my back, wich I stood ez long ez I cood bear the moisture. Gently disengagin him, I led him to Bascom's, fearin that so great a waste uv floods wood cut short the old saint's life, unless that waste cood be repaired. We supplied the deficiency to wunst. Never saw I sich a picter. The blessed old man sittin onto a bench, a glass uv hot whiskey in his hand; his white hair a fallin scantily about his temples, and tears a runnin in rapid succession adown his frost-bitten

nose, and, glitterin a moment on the tip, droppin, like strings uv pearls, int the space below! It wuz techin!

The citizens met that evenin, not to rejoice, but to adopt sich measures fo turning the victory to account ez the occasion seemed to demand. The Deeki wuz there, and I beleeve every white male citizen uv the Corners wuz in hi seet afore the glad peals uv the bell hed ceased pealin. I assoomed the chair and stated the object uv the meetin. Noo York hed spoken, and Noo Jersey the blessed State uv wich I hed the honor to be a native, hed returned t her first love. I wuz not now ashamed to own that I wuz a nativ uv No Jersey. I am proud uv it, and were it not for the fact that I owe neerly hal uv her citizens, in sums rangin from a half dollar up to eighteen, I wood retur there to-wunst. But I won't. It wood awaken expectations in their buzzum wich wood never be fulfilled, and I'm too tender-hearted, too considrit uv th feelins uv others, to lasserate them feelins. I can't properly express my emo shuns. Thank Heaven the nigger is ourn. The Northern States hev spoken and in thunder tones. The Ethiopian wunst wuz on the top wave, but wher i he now? Two years ago he wuz needed—but now wher is he? The Ablish nists don't need him no more to fill up their quotas, they don't need him n more to take ther places in the next draft, and thank the Lord he's the sam d—d nigger he alluz wuz! The stink uv the nigger hez overcome ther gratitoo to him—ther good feelin hez bin swamped by ther prejoodis. The Dimocras uv the two sections uv the Yoonion hez rusht into each other's arms, the nigge wuz between em, and consekently is under our feet. Wat happinis for Ken tucky! The nigger can't go North with the elecshen returns starin him in th face, and ef he stays here he must stay on our terms. Thank the Lord!

Deekin Pogram sed that he hednt felt so good sence his first wife died He felt too good to speek, and the brethren wood excuse him ef his remark shood be breef. (We will! We will! with great yoonanimity.) Four week ago, when we heerd from Ohio and Pennsylvany, he hed to-wunst drawd up skedule uv the loss that hed bin inflicted onto him by the tyranical edict u the Illinoy Goriller, a copy uv wich he wood read:

YOONITED STATES UV AMERIKY,

In Account with GABRIEL POGRAM, Dr.

To 1 nigger, Sam, 26 years old	$1,500 0
To 1 nigger, Pompey, 30 years old	1,300 0
To 1 nigger, Scip, 30 years old	1,400 0
To 1 nigger, Peter, 40 years old	1,000 0
To one lot misselaneous niggers, 22 in number, mostly crippled, and not uv much akkount, hevin bin flogd and chawd by dorgs, and injoored by bein knockt about the head and back, a dissiplinin uv em, at, say, $500 each	11,000 0
To one nigger gal, Jane, 18 years old, nearly white, with bloo eyes and curly hair, for wich I hed bin offered $2,500 to go to Noo Orleans	2,500 0
To other wenches, uv all shades and ages, 12 in number, averagin, say, $500	6,000 0
	$24,700 0

This bill he determined to put in, becoz uv this prop erty he hed bin robbed. Last nite he heerd uv the re sult uv the Noo York and Noo Jersey elecshuns, and he felt tha more yit wuz due him from the unconstitooshnel government under wich w are forst to live. He wanted pay, not only for his twenty-four thousand do lars' worth uv nigger, but legle interest on the amount, from Emancipashen t

date, incloodin wat he paid to hev the calculation made, and the interest figgered onto it, and he wanted it in gold, ez he considered greenbax jist ez unconstitooshnel ez emancipashen.

Issaker Gavitt remarkt that he hed a claim on the oppressors. He hed made out no bill ez yit, ez the nigger wich alluz did the figgerin for his father got to be impudent, and woodent do it no more. But he shood get somebody who cood write to copy the Deekin's bill, wich wood answer, ez the two farms workt about the same number uv hands, tho uv fancy stock his father hed alluz kept the most, wich accountid for his bein more bald-headed than the Deekin.

Kernel McPelter wantid no pay. He wantid his niggers. To accept pay wood be to acknowledge the right uv the Illinoy goriller to releese em, wich he wood never do. He hed one—he saw her to-day—wich he wood hev back agin. Her and her husband, wich hed bin married sence they wuz torn from him, hed purchist ten akers uv ground up towards Garrettstown, and wuz livin onto it. Uv course, ez the emancipashun wuz illegal, the produx uv their labor sence that time wuz hizzen, jest the same ez though they remained in their normal condishen. The ten akers woodent make him good, but they hed two children born to em sence, wich, ef niggers brot any price, wood do suthin teards it.

Bascom preferred to hev Government pay ther valyoo, and let em stay free. They all hed some property now—leastways they cood do wat they pleased with their money. Troo, the heft uv the proceeds uv their labor went to Pollock for dry goods, and groceries, and sich, but he bleeved that they wuz a imitative race. Ef they followed the eggsample sot em by their white sooperiors, they wood, in time, leave the heft uv it at his bar. He hed a few uv em under trainin now, and he notist that they wuz better customers than the whites, ez they didu't swaller their rashens and tell him to "jist chalk it down."

A sense uv the meetin wuz then taken, and a majority voted to fust try to redoose them to their normal condishen, and ef that wuz decided to be impracticable, then we cood, with still better grace, demand their valyoo uv the Government.

"Yes," exclaimed Kernel McPelter, "and for this great work ther is no better time than now. 'The Yoonyun ez it wuz!' Foller me!"

And forthwith the entire congregashen piled out, rushin toward the nigger settlement on the Garrettstown road.

Arrivin at the settlement, a consultashen wuz held. It wuz desided that I shood advance to the doors uv the houses and demand surrender, but I declined. Kernel McPelter volunteered, and we all waited the result. He knocked at the door uv the first house.

"Wha' d'ye want?" exclaimed a voice.

"I want yoo," sed the Kernel.

"Wa' foab?"

"My friend," sed the Kernel, impressively, "ef I recognize yoor dulcet tone, yoor my nigger. Four years ago yoo wuz set free, yoo sposed, by Linkin; but we've done away with that. Come forth, and give yoorself up; you shel, ef yoo go peaceably, hev yoor old quarters agin, and be treated ez uv old."

"Go away, white man, and stop yoor foolin. Dis nigga's in bed."

"Break down the doors!" yelled the Deekin, "and hev done with it!" and a rush wuz made.

The doors wuz broke down, and in a minit the nigger and his wife, and two children, wuz out in the street, bound and the Kernel hed the furnitoor

packt, ready to take to his own house. In the meantime assaults hed bin made on two other houses, with rather different result. Deekin Pogram led one on the house uv a former slave uv hizzen, and wuz disabled by a charge uv shot in his leg, and the infooriated nigger threw open the winder and swore that he'd empty tother barrel into the head uv the first man who came within range. The whole settlement wuz by this time alarmed, and lites sprang up, and we cood hear the click uv cocks uv muskets, and the pilin up uv furnitoor afore the doors. It wuz decided that the attempt to re-enslave em be given over for that nite, and carryin the Deekin, who wuz weak from loss uv blood, we made our way to the Corners agin.

The result demonstrated to me the impossibility uv the two races livin together in harmony. There is a natral antagonism between em wich must result inevitably in a war uv races, onless their status is fixed by law. So long ez they are among us, so long shel we be tempted to subdoo em, and sich sole-harrowin scenes ez that uv last nite will result. Ez I heer the groans uv the prostratid saint, Deekin Pogram (this is written at his bedside in the intervals uv feedin him likker with a spoon), I feel ez tho I must vindicate my birth by goin out and killin a nigger. Nothin but the oncertainty ez to who wood be killed restrains me. Thank Heaven, next yeer, when Seymore is President, and the unconstitooshnel acts uv a Rump Congress is done away with, all this will be fixed. It is this that soothes the Deekin, and enables him to endoor his sufferin.

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MR. NASBY REGULATES A SCHOOL.

(A zealous Democratic school trustee did thrust the daughter of a Democrat out of school in Monroe county, Ohio, supposing her to be the daughter of a negro, the real object of his dislike sitting quietly in her seat meanwhile.)

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November 25, 1867.

When the Almighty made niggers, he ought to hev made em so that mixin with the sooperior race would have been an impossibility. I rite these lines propped up in bed at my boardin house, my face beaten to a jelly, and perfectly kivered with stickin plaster; my nose, alluz the beauty and glory uv my face, is enlarged to twict it fair proporshens; my few remainin teeth hev bin knockt down my throat, my lips resemble sausages, my left ear is forever no more, and wat little hair wuz a hangin about my venerable temples is gone, my head is ez bald as a billyard ball, and twict its normal size. It come about thus:

There wuz trouble in one uv the Southern counties uv Ohio. In a reliably Democratic township in that county is a settlement uv niggers, who, in the old time, ran away from Kentucky, and settled there where they could hev wat they earned, wich was jest so much swindled out uv Kentucky. Uv course comin from Kentucky, these niggers are, many uv em, ez near white ez they can be. One uv em, who carried with him the name uv his master, and, ez he says, father Lett, is ez near a white man ez may be, and ez he married a wench who wuz a shade whiter than he, their children are jist a touch whiter than both uv em. Uv these he hed three daughters, rangin from sixteen to twenty.

Now this Lett is a disturber. He hed a farm uv perhaps 200 akers, and wuz taxed heavy for skool purposes, but his children wuznt uv course allowed

to attend the skool. None uv the nigger children were. But Lett got the ijee into his hed that there wuzn't no propriety in his payin taxes without enjoyin the benefits arizin from em, and aided and abetted by other niggers, who were wicked enough to complain uv payin taxes to the support uv white skools, he sent his daughters to the skool, directin them to present theirselves boldly, take their seats quietly and study perseverinly. They did so; the skool-marm, who wuz a young huzzy, with black eyes and nateral curls, from Noo Hampsheer, where they persekoot the saints, not only assented to receivin em, but gave em seats and put em into classes—think uv that—with white children.

There wuz trouble in that township. I wuz sent for to-wunst, and gladly I come. I wuz never so gratified in my life. Had smallpox broken out in that skool, there woodent hev bin half the eggscitement in the township. It wuz the subject uv yooniversal talk everywhere, and the Democrisy wuz a bilin like a pot. I met the trustees uv the township, and demanded ef they intended tamely to submit to this outrage? I askt em whether they intended to hev their children set side by side with the descendants uv Ham, who wuz condemned to a posishen uv inferiority forever? Kin you, I asked, so degrade yourselves, and so blast the self-respeck uv yoor children?

And bilin up with indignashen, they answered "never!" and yoonanimously requested me to accompany em to the skool-house that they might peremptory expel these disgustin beins who hed obtrooded themselves among those uv a sooperior race.

On the way to the skoolhouse, wich wuz perhaps a mile distant, I askt the Board ef they knowed those girls by site. No, they replied, they hed never seen em. "I hev bin told," sed I, "that they are nearly white."

"They are," sed one uv em, "quite white." "It matters not," sed I, feelin that there wuz a good opportoonity for improvin the occashen, "it matters not. There is suthin in the nigger at wich the instink uv the white man absoolootely rebels, and from wich it instinktively recoils. So much experience hev I had with em, that put me in a dark room with one uv em, no matter how little nigger there is in em, and that unerrin instink wood betray em to me, wich, by the way, goes to prove that the dislike we hev to em is not the result uv prejoodis, but is a part uv our very nacher, and one uv its highest and holiest attriboots."

Thus communin, we entered the skoolhouse. The skoolmarm wuz there, ez brite and ez crisp ez a Janooary mornin; the skolers wuz ranged on the seets a studyin ez rapidly ez possible.

"Miss," sed I, "we are informed that three nigger wenches, daughters uv one Lett, a nigger, is in the skool, a minglin with our daughters ez a ekal. Is it so?"

"The Misses Lett are in the skool," sed she, ruther mischeeviously, "and I am happy to state that they are among my best pupils."

"Miss," sed I, sternly, "pint em out to us!"

"Wherefore?" sed she.

"That we may bundle em out!" sed I.

"Bless me!" sed she, "I reely coodent do that. Why expel em?"

"Becoz," sed I, "no nigger shel contaminate the white children uv this deestrick. No sech disgrace shel be put on to em."

"Well," sed this aggravatin skoolmarm, wich wuz from Noo Hamshire, "yoo put em out."

"But show me wich they are."

"Can't yoo detect em, sir? Don't their color betray em? Ef they are so neer white that you can't select em at a glance, it strikes me that it can't hurt very much to let em stay."

I wuz sore puzzled. There wuzn't a girl in the room who looked at all niggery. But my reputashun wuz at stake. Noticin three girls settin together, who wuz somewat dark complected, and whose black hair waved, I went for em and shoved em out, the cussid schoolmarm almost bustin with lafter.

Here the tragedy okkered. At the door I met a man who rode four miles in his zeal to assist us. He hed alluz hed an itchin to pitch into a nigger, and ez he cood do it now safely he proposed not to lose the chance. I wuz a puttin on em out, and hed jist dragged em to the door, when I met him enterin it.

"Wat is this?" sed he, with a surprised look.

"We're puttin out these cussed wenches, who is contaminatin yoor children and mine," sed I. "Ketch hold uv that pekoolyerly disgustin one yonder," sed I.

"Wenches! You d—d scoundrel, them girls are my girls!"

And without waitin for an explanashen, the infooriated monster sailed into me, the skoolmarm layin over on one uv the benches explodin in peels uv lafter. The three girls, indignant at bein mistook for nigger wenches, assisted their parent, and between em, in about four minits I wuz insensible. One uv the trustees, pityin my woes, took me to the nearest railroad stashen, and somehow, how I know not, I got home, where I am at present recooperatin.

I hev only to say that when I go on sich a trip again, I shel require as condishen president that the Afrikins to be put out shel hev enuff Afrikin into em to prevent sich mistakes. But, good Lord, wat hevent I suffered in this cause?

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THE PENDLETON THEORY IN KENTUCKY.

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A few days ago Bascom come into the offis, and remarked that he thought it wuz time the Corners spoke.

"Onto wat pertikeler subjeck wood you hev the Corners speek, my cherub?" sed I. "The Corners hez exercised her throat onto almost everything up to date."

"Troo," sed G. W., "but there's one subjeck onto wich the Corners hezn't sed her say, namely, the crushin wate uv taxashen, and the question uv payin the bonds in greenbax."

"That's probably becoz," remarkt I, "the Corners pays nary tax; and becoz, also, not hevin any bonds nor greenbax, she don't care, to speek after the manner uv men, a d—n about it. Isn't that the case?"

"Probably it is, but at the same time we ought to extend a helpin hand to our brethren North, who are makin a valyent fite on this thing. Parson, we must hold a meetin on this question and resolve."

Willin to accommodate Bascom, I called the meetin, and last nite it took place. It wuz an enthoosiastic gathrin. Skasely hed the horn tooted afore the church wuz filled. It wuz curiosity wich brot em. None uv em but Bascom, Captain McPelter, and myself, knowed wat a bond wuz, and they wantid to find out. I wuz called upon to state the objeck uv the gathrin. I opened with a movin appeal to the people who wuz groanin under a load uv taxashen, for the benefit uv the lordly bond-holders uv the country; whose very life-blood wuz a bein sucked out uv em by the bond-aristocrats uv the country.

At this pint Joe Bigler, who wuz uv course in the aujence, commenst weepin perfoosely, but disgustinly loud. He fairly bellered, and displayed altogether too much emoshun.

"Mr. Bigler," sed I, "woodent a little less violent sorrer anser?"

"Parson," sed he, "never havin paid a cussid cent uv taxes in my life, I never knowd afore how much I wuz bein oppressed. But I'll contane myself if I kin. I'll cork up my woes if they bust me."

I then went on to explain the Pendleton ijee. First, the Government owes about four hundred thousand millions uv dollers, more or less, wich is borrerd. The Ablishn ijee is to pay this off ez it falls due, in gold, and in the meantime to pay interest onto the bonds ez per agreement on the face uv em. But this is oppressive. This payin interest is wat's eatin us up. Therefore, Pendleton proposes to pay these bonds by issuin four hundred thousand million uv greenbax. When these greenbax wear out, so that they ain't passable no more—so that Bascom won't take em for drinks, for instance—why, then we'll print more greenbax and give em new ones. I don't see that the debt is paid off any, but we git out uv the interest. We ishoo a non-bearin intrest note wich the greenback is, for an intrest-bearin note wich the present bond is, and compel the bond-holders to take em, thus releevin us, the tax payers, uv the weight uv taxashen we are now compelled to carry. This ijee is not, however, original with Pendleton. He's bin a steelin my thunder. I subsisted many yeers in Noo Jersey by the same expedient. Whenever I owed a man I gave him my note, and felt that a great load wuz off my mind. When it became doo, ef it made the creditor eny easier in his mind, I took it up by givin him another, and so on, pervided he wuz willin and hed faith enuff to pay for the stamps. It wuz an easy and simple method uv gittin on in the world without onpleasantnis.

Captain McPelter, late uv the Confedrit army, wantid to know ef the greenback wuz good enuff for the soljer, ef it wuzn't good enuff for the bondholder?

Bascom endorsed all that hed bin sed, and demandid resoloosheus, movin ones, wich he presentid, and they wuz passed.

At this pint occurred suthin wich wuzn't down in the bill. Skasely hed the resoloosheus passed, when Joe Bigler stepped forward and remarkt that he hed votid for them resoloosheus becoz he beleeved in em. But he wantid the ijee carried forerd to its logical conclooshen. He owed Bascom eighty odd dollars, wich wuz bearin interest, and hed bin for some time, and wood, probably, for some time to come. Now, what is justis in governmental matters, is ekally so in privit life. He demanded uv Bascom that note, and that he accept in its stead one wich bore no interest. He hed borne this burden too long, and it wuz high time that he be releeved.

Deekin Pogram felt that he must agree with Mr. Bigler. Bascom held his note for $490, wich hed bin runnin on interest for a long time, and he felt that he cooden't stand it no—

"Why, blarst yer eyes," sez Bascom, "I lent yoo that money to save yer farm from bein sold out from under yer feet!"

"Troo, but there's a principle in it. I can't toil to pay interest to yoo no more than I kin to the Government. Let us be consistent, G. W., watever we are."

At this juncter every man in the buildin rose to his feet very excitedly, all uv em in korious commenst:

"Bascom holds a note uv mine, wich bears interest, and I—"

And Bascom, badgered ez he wuz, flung himself out uv the church in disgust. The aujence who hed, however, got an ijee, wuz not disposed to give it

up. They follered him without eny formal adjournment to his grosery, but he hed anticipated that, and hed locked it. But all nite they hung around the place yellin, "Give me my note! Give me my note!" and they hed faith that they finally wood bring him to terms.

But along about seven o'clock the people began to change their toon. It wuz time for their mornin bitters, and they exclaimed ez one man, "Bascom! why don't yoo open out? Let us in!"

All uv a sudden the door wuz flung open, and there wuz reveeled to the gaze uv the Corners the most impressive tabloo ever witnest. In the centre uv the room stood Bascom, with a burnin pine knot in his hand, wildly wavin it over his head; afore him stood a barl uv whisky, on end, with the hed out. We growd pale.

"Ha! ha!" laft he, with the most malignant and feendish expression upon his countenance, "it wuz yoor turn last nite; this mornin its mine. Ther ain't a drop in the Corners cept wat is in this barl, and not a drop uv this shel yoo hev for love or money! Ha! ha! who hez the inside track now? I'll burn it the minit the first one crosses the threshold."

"Make a rush," yelled Bigler; "it won't burn, coz he's bin a waterin it for a week."

"Ha! too troo! but I hev yoo yit. I'll overturn the barl!"

I seed the pint to-wunst. A cold chill crept over me, and Deekin Pogram shook like an aspen leaf. None cood be prokoored this side uv Looisville, three days at least! Spose the recklis man shood carry out his threat!

The Deekin and I threw ourselves into the breech. We saw that Bascom wuz in dead earnest. The crowd saw things ez we did, and softened down. It wuz finally proposed ez a compermise that the rekords uv the meetin shood be destroyed, and that the ijee uv exchangin notes with Bascom shood be abandoned, and Bascom, on his part, to go on ez yoosual. This settled, we all took our regeler stiffners, and thus the Corners bridged the greatest danger that ever threatened her. Ther is peece here now.

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POLLOCK vs. BIGLER.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
April 2, 1868.

The Corners is continyooally eggsited. Scarcely does one fever git herself allayed afore another is set agoin, and the result is the community is kept a bilen perpetooally. Pertickelerly does this occur when Bascom runs short. His barrels contain the troo oil which flows onto the troubled waters uv our passions, and when them is out, there's a minatoor Tophet to-wunst.

The last excitement wuz probably the most pekoolyer that ever happened to enny people, tho it wuz nothin more than cood be expected to grow out uv the altered relashens uv the races to each other. It wuz one uv the legacies left us by the tyrant Linkin, and by no means the least uv em.

Under the old patriarkle system, it wuz the custom uv the niggers to go by the name uv their trooly patriarkle masters, wich wuz necessary, and not only necessary, but proper. Onto every plantashen ther wood be Ceesers, Hannibals, and Pompeys, and the only way to distinguish em wuz to call em Ceeser Pogram, Hannibal Gavitt, et settry. This ansered very well ez long ez they wuz in a state uv skriptooral servitood; indeed, the proud Caucashen masters rather liked it, ez the frekency with wich their names wuz called

ndikated the extent uv their possessions. But sence these cusses hev set up or themselves, it ain't so pleasant. Now that they kin own property and perform all the functions uv men, the same ez eny one else, it hez become disasteful to the Corners. It is a singeler fact that the Corners hez diskivered, ince the niggers wuz set free, suthin they never knowd afore, to-wit: The niggers hez an odor unlike the white. When they wuz slaves, and used to nuss em and play with em, and wait on em, and sich, this odor wuz not perceptible. It hez developed sence emancipashen. Jes so with ther names. In ther normal condishen it wuz well—sence, it's a degredashun wich the Corners won't brook, no how.

Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt pertikelerly chafed under it. They mourned and lost flesh under the inflickshen. "To think," sed the Deekin, "uv a hundred free niggers bearin the honored name uv Pogram!" "'To think," syed Issaker Gavitt, "uv a hundred niggers bearin the illustrious name uv Gavitt!" And so they petishened the Legislacher at Frankfort to releeve em, by passin a law perhibitin niggers from bearin the name uv white men wich wuz their former masters. The fact leeked out, and this imbrolyo wuz the result.

Pollock, the Illinoy store keeper, wich is a disturber, immejitly sood Joe Bigler for a store debt, and hed him hauled up afore Squire Punt. Joe immejitly subpoenaed all the citizens uv the Corners ez witnesses, and hed em all in the Court room. "Come," sed Deekin Pogram, "sware me and let me go. I don't know nothin about this matter anyhow."

"Not yit," sed Bigler; "I hev other testimony wich I shel put in. Mr. Constable, call Hannible Pogram." The Deekin started ez ef he hed bin shot.

"And ez we kin save the valyooable time uv this court by swearin uv em in a lump, yoo may call also Pompey Joolius Pogram, Ceeser Pogram, George Washington Pogram (so named becoz, like the first G. W., he cooden't tell a lie, wich is proof concloosive that he is a pure black, and haint got no Pogram blood in his veines), Melissy Pogram, Abslum Pogram, Cleopatra Pogram, Paul Pogram, Marie Antynett Pogram, Bonaparte Pogram, Charles Wesley Pogram, Abel Jackson Po—"

"Wat does this mean?" shreeked the Deekin, ez they filed into the court room. "Wat do yoo mean by bringin into this yer court room all these d—d niggers?"

"Wat do I mean? Wat difference is it to yoo? They'r my witnesses—by these intelligent freemen I perpose to prove that yer Pollock a perjered villain and a most unconshunable swindler."

And he grinned at Pollock, who winked wickedly at him in return.

"And I," sed Pollock, "to save time, mite ez well hev my witnesses swore. Issaker Gavitt, stand up."

Issaker arose.

"Now, Mr. Constable, call Pompey Gavitt, Melindy Gavitt, Augustus Gavitt, Petronella Gavitt, Lycurgus Gavitt, Abslum Gavitt, Moses Gavitt, Jefferson Gavitt, Adam Gavitt, Martha Washington Gavitt, Parker Gav—"

"Am I to be swore with all these niggers?" roared Issaker, red in the face.

"Reely," sed Squire Punt, "I can't permit this."

"But yoo must," sed Bigler. "Ez desprit a wretch ez is this Pollock, ez deeply ez he hez wronged me, ez much ez I loath, hate and despise him, he shel hev fair play in a court uv justis. Even shood he beat me and crush me neath his iron heel, I insist that he shel hev his rites. But the Square hed better sware mine first."

And ez they generally don't like trouble with Bigler, the Square, pale ez a gost, for he didn't know wat wuz comin, swore the pile.

"Now," sed Bigler, "Ceeser Pogram, stand up. Ceeser, do yoo know the necher uv an oath?"

"Yes, sah."

"Who wuz yoor father, Ceeser?"

"Don't know, sah."

"Is yoor mother in the room, and hez she bin sworn?"

"Yes, sah."

"Yoo may set down for the present. Will Melissy Pogram arise?"

The wench got up.

"Now, Melissy, state to the court the paternity uv yoor son?"

"I object," shreeked the Deekin. "Wat hez that to do with yoor owin Pollock a store debt?"

"Is this yoor case?" retortid Bigler. "Are yoo defendant or plaintiff herein? Melissy, anser. No, Melissy, on second thots, to spare the blushes uv the Deekin—to cast the mantle uv oblivion over the pecaddilloes uv his yooth—yoo needent anser. Do yoo want to cross-examine the witness, Mr. Pollock?"

"No!" returned he.

"Lycurgus Gavitt, stand up. Wat right hev yoo to bear the name uv Gavitt?"

"It wuz my fadder's name."

"To wich pertikeler Gavitt do yoo allood?"

"The lately deceased Elder."

"Then yoo are half-brother to Issaker?"

"I is."

"Yoo may sit down. I will state tothe court the object uv these questions, which, without explanashen, may appear irrelevant. Mr. Bigler and I agreed unanimously ez to how this soot should be conducted. Niggers alone knowd the cause uv difference that unfortnitly ariz between us, and knowin that the pure African wuz unworthy uv beleef, we determined to yoose only sich ez cood show indisputable descent from good, trustworthy, Caucashen citizens. Hence this preliminary eggsaminashen. We hev here tho niggers uv mixed blood from every plantashen in the naberhood, and we shel reject all who can't show mixt blood. Their evidence must be taken, for to doubt the word uv the sons and daughters uv sich men wood be tho heighth uv presumpshen, and an insult wich they wood be justified in resentin."

"Certinly," sed Bigler, "and let's git at it. Bonaparte Pogram, stand up."

"Hold!" shriekt the Deekin, observin that Mrs. Pogram hed just stept into the room; "how much is at ishoo in this yer soot?"

"Ninety-one cents, and the costs that hev acrood," sed Pollock.

"I'll pay it," remarkt the Deekin, nervously, "ruther than hev this farce go on. Don't call no more uv em—don't. Here's the money."

"It can't be," sed Bigler; "I'm bound to crush that Pollock."

"Don't perceed—don't," yelled Punt, McPelter, and every other white man in the room, ez they notist their wives droppin in one by one, "it's reelly too small a matter—reelly it is."

"Well," sed Bigler, "ez there appears to be sich a yoonanimus desire therefor, I hev no objeckshen, on them terms, to forgive Pollock;" and the cusses embraced in open court, while the Deekin, McPelter, and the rest uv em wuz a payin the niggers their witness fees.

Ez they wuz a leavin the Court Room, Bigler sung out:

"Deekin, ef yoo send on that petishen to Frankfort, I shel send on a protest, provin that evry one uv the niggers who bear yoor name hev a natera

rite to it. Let it alone, Deekin. Ef the niggers kin stand the name, yoo ought not to object."

And he and Pollock rolled off together, laffin vociferously. It wuz a plot atween em to annoy the Corners. Wood, O, wood that we cood be delivered from em!

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THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, 1868.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Statt uv Kentucky),
May 28, 1868.

I wuz at Chicago one day. My ears wuz stunned with 'rors for Grant; the bands wuz all playin the Star Spangled Banner and sich, and even the street organ grinders hed attooned their lyres to the same Ablishn melodies.

On my arrival I askt a vishus boy (wich I knowd wuz Dimekratic, from the fact that his little shirt wood hev hung out uv his little pants ef he'd hed any shirt), ef he cood tell me where the Ablishun Convention wuz a holdin itself.

"Certinly I kin," sed he. "It's in that yer bildin," pintin to a ruther gorgus edifice with a steeple to it.

I entered it, and wuz surprised at the fewness uv the delegates on the floor, and at ther pecoolyer appearance. They didn't look like delegates to any Convenshun I hed ever attended. Ther noses wuzn't uv the color I hed bin accustomed to. They wuz all solemn looking chaps, with gold spectacles, black coats, high foreheds, and white neckerchers.

At this pint I turned to a man sittin beside me, and in an undertone askt wich wuz ahead on the last ballot, Colfax or Wade?

"Sir," sed he, "are yoo a Johnson postmaster?"

"I am," sed I, defiantly. "How didst determine that pint?"

"By yoor breath," sed he. "Yoor mistaken in the place, my friend. This is a Methodist Conference."

That wicked and perverse boy had intenshnelly deceeved me.

Unable to obtane admission into the Opera House, I whiled away the rosy hours a visitin the delegashen rooms. The Ingeany delegashen offered me water when I intimated I wuz athirst. The Ohio delegashen knew me on site and rekested me to dust, and the Californy delegashen, uv wich I hed expected better things, hed the impudence to offer me wine! Wine! Wine! to feed sich a nose ez I carry about. Wine to satisfy the cravins uv sich a stumick ez mine! Faugh! Disgusted at the thinness uv the beverages, I retired into a friendly hostelry kept by Dennis O'Shaughnessey, and at his hospitable bar solaced myself with three fingers uv Kentucky sustenance.

There wuz no enthoosiasm among the citizens uv Chicago wich I naterally fell among. The saloon keepers, wich in remembrance uv the Demokratic convenshun uv 1864 had made extra preparashuns, wuz gloomy, sad, and disappointed. These places, garnisht for the occasion, wuz sad and lonely. There wuz an entire absence uv that gentle gurgle wich to me is so pleasin; there wuz none uv the generous noses and faces lighted up with the radiance born uv the bar wich I am so accustomed to.

It's the last Republican convenshen I shel ever attend. The idea uv a conference sittin in the same city with a convenshen! The idea uv minglin politics with religion! Will there be confrences in Noo York in Jooly?

On my return, we wuz a settin in Bascom's a discussin the nominashens. Deekin Pogram wuz indignant. "Good Heavens!" said he, with horror in his sainted face, "kin it be that men perfessin nashnel views wood offer sich a insult to Kentucky ez to nominate sich a man ez Grant, who, sword in hand, devastated her fertile fields, and piled the bodies of her nootral sons who resisted his advance mountains high? Kin it be that—"

"Easy, Deekin," replied I; "stiddy! stiddy! Don't take a posishen rashly. It ain't improbable that we may hev to nominate Hancock, or some other soljer. In that event—but I've sed enuff."

"Well, at all evence," sed the Deekin, "it's a most hoomiliatin thing to hev thrown in our faces a infamous proposishen to pay a debt inkurred in a infamous attempt to subjoogate us—to pledge our labor to pay a debt unconstitooshnally inkurred, and un—"

"Deekin," sed I, "yoor zeel I do admire, but yoor treely indiscreet. It may be found necessary in order to carry Noo York to nominate Belmont's man, who will be pledged to this very thing. Go a little slow."

"Well, however that may be, it's a burnin shame to throw into Kentuck's face a Abolishnist—two uv em in fact—and—"

"Deekin" (I spoke this time severely), "yoor very indiscreet to-day. It's possible, and I may say probable, that that noble patriot, Cheef Justice Chase, who hez bin a friteful Ablishnist, and who, ef he runs, will, for obvius reasons, make us swaller at the beginnin a porshen uv his heresies, may be our candidate. Say nothin, Deekin, that yoo'l hev to take back."

Feelin that rite here wuz a splendid chance for an improvin discourse on the nacher, objicks, and aims uv Democracy, I opened out onto em.

"Dimocrisy," I remarkt, "is distinguished cheefly for its elasticity in adaptin means to ends. One wood suppose that Postoffis is its cheef end. In one sense it is. Dimocrisy is willin to sacrifice anything wich it hez for Postoffis. It mite raise Deekin Pogram's ire to sejest the nominashen uv Hancock, on akkount uv his slawterins, or Belmont's candidate on akkount uv his insistin on payin off the Nashnel debt, or Chase, who hez bin in his day suspected uv bein tainted with Ablishinism. But, my brethring, let it be remembered that success is the main objick. Success is wat Bascom wants, that I, bein continyood in offis, may hev the means to pay for the likker I consoom, and to avoid the necessity uv bein continooally rekested to chalk it down, which practis he esteems disgustin, and one wich greatly increases his labors. Captain McPelter wants success, that he may continyoo to hev Assessors, Collectors and Revenoo offisers with wich he kin divide the profits uv the $2 tax on the whisky he makes, and Deekin Pogram wants success that he may hev his niggers agin, or at least that he may hev the privilege uv hirin em for $4 per month, deductin 25 cents per day for each day's absence, without no Burow offiser or other military satrap hangin about to molest or make afraid. Success is the main pint, and ef Hancock is the way, walk ye in it; ef Chase or Seymour is the way, walk ye ditto, for with either uv these men all these things we'll hev. When they come to us they leeve their former selves behind.

"But methinks I hear one say, Hancock, is a soljer, Seymour a anti-repudiator, and Chase a Ablishnist! Wat uv that? They may be wat they like when they go into offis—associashen with us fetches em sooner or later. The road down is a easy one to travel. It's easier to slide down than to climb, wich is the reason so many more are damned than saved. Democracy, like Bascom's new likker, holds a man when it gits him. Johnson wuz a good enuff Ablishnist till he called onto us for help, and then he wuz lost. Let Chase stay

with us a week, and he'd forgit all his old ideas, yoo bet. Shood yoo poke that silver pitcher at him the niggers give him at Cincinnati, for defendin a fugitive, and he'd swear like Peter he never saw it—only diffeein from Peter in that he'd stick to it. And ther is no goin back for the principal ones. Ther remorse kind o' drives em deeper and deeper, till they finally are worse than ez tho they originally wuz of us. Let us, my brethren, never reject any help we kin git. Let it come in any shape and from any source, it'll finally assimilate to us and be uv us."

Ez I condlooded my remarks, my circle all agreed that it wuz safe to take whatever we cood git from the enemy, and we retired, I feelin that whatever other localities mite do, the Corners wuz safe. Wat an outrage it is, though, that the Ablishnists nominated sich a man for Vice President ez to make Grant perfectly safe from bein removed ez Linkin wuz. Ef he's elected he'll serve out his time sure.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 1868.

Post Offis, Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
November 5, 1868.

Bad news travels fast. We hev heerd from enuff uv the states to know that the butcher Grant—he wich wunst afore stood in the way uv the Confederacy—hez been elected President, and that Seymore and Blare, our gellorious standard bearers, hev bin defeated ignominiously.

This ends it! This finishes it! There is no longer hope for Democrisy. Our star is sot in gloom. Never shel I forgit the gastly appearance uv Deekin Pogram's face ez the fatal noose wuz told him. A single tear rolled from his left eye, down his furrowed cheek; it glittered for a brief moment on the tip uv his brillyent nose, and plunged off into space! How like our hopes! Never a word sed he, but sadly beckoned me to foller. Sadly he walked to the square, mournfully he pulled down the Confedrit flag wich hez waved from the pole in front uv Bascom's, tenderly he folded it, and placed it under the barl uv whisky in the bar. "Thar let it rest," gasped he in a husky tone; "it will never kiss the breezes no more." And overcome with emoshun, the good old man busted in a flood uv tears, wich saved his life. The drain uv moisture from his system made it necessary for him to take suthin to fill its plase, and that suthin wuz strengthnin. To save him I took suthin strengthnin too.

I won't say a word as to the causes uv this terrible defeat. Seymore wood make speeches, wich hez alluz bin fatle to Presidenshul aspirants, and Blare wood rite terrible letters, wich is just as bad. Besides, Blare fairly represents us, wich druv off all the decent people, and Seymore ruther prides hisself on bein a gentleman, wich chilled the ardor uv our party. The nominashuns were unforchnit, but I don't reproach em. It's fate.

I hev reason to sigh. For Pollock will git the Post Offis after all. Tho hiz hands are contaminated by bein taken into the hands uv niggers—his hands wich handles kaliker and draws molasses, and iz consekently degraded by earnin his own livin—his hands will pass out to Deekin Pogram the paper wich the Corners takes! The Deekin, ez he thot uv this, bust into teers agin. "I shel stop that paper," sez he, "and the Corners shel go back into the darkness uv ignorance. I shell never go agin for a letter, nor will I hev one written for

me to anybody. When a Ablishn face is at the general delivery, I shel stop paternizen the Post Offis!"

Will the new Administrashun deprive a whole community uv a paper merely to give one uv its supporters a posishun? We shel see.

But I cood endoor the loss uv my posishen; for principle I can look marterdom squarely in the face; but I see other and more terrible results followin the catastrophe.

Wat uv the niggers? Wat uv us? We shel hev niggers votin at the Corners! We shel hev, at our polles, all uv the black cusses who live between here and Garrettstown, a votin ez regler ez though they wuz white men. We shel hev em defilin the sakred ballot-box ez tho they wuz not uv a cussid race. I see dark lines afore our poor State. They will hereafter hold the land wich they hev bought, and wich they live on, by a sure tenure, and they will increase and multiply. Pollock will buy ther prodoos, and they will work and git money. This money they will lend to us—for we must hev it to sustain life—and they will take mortgages onto our land. (When I say our, I mean Deekin Pogram and sich.) Ez we never work ourselves, and will not hev, under the present arrangement, the means uv compellin the labor necessary to our support, we kin never pay; and the result will be, this beautiful land uv ourn wich we so deeply love, will pass out uv the hands uv the stronger and better race into the control uv a weaker and less powerful people. The Deekin wuz remarkin suthin to this effect, when Joe Bigler remarkt in reply, that the Deekin hed better throw himself onto the sympathy uv his sons.

"Why, they can't work any more than I kin," sed the Deekin.

"I don't mean yoor white sons!" sed this terrible Bigler. "They ain't uv no akkount. But in the nigger settlement at Garrettstown yoo hev more than twenty who wood—"

The poor Deekin rushed out uv the room, while Bigler laft his most feendish laff.

The people will be deprived uv their innocent amoosements. This Grant will send on armed hirelins, clothed in ojus bloo, with muskets and sich, who will prevent our shootin niggers, and who will protect on ther farms and in ther houses the ojus Northerners who hev settled in our midst. We shel see the glorious Southern system decline stidily and shoorly. The whipping posts will rot and the stox will decay; the yelp uv dorgs will no more be heerd, and the cheerful crack uv the pistol and the shreek uv the man wat has got his gruel will no more be heerd in the land. Bascom, after he hez the few farms still unmortgaged in the vicinity, will close, and go to Looisville, and embark into the wholesale grosery trade and jine the church, and give librerly to Sunday skools; his grosery will fall into decay, and the sine will hang by one hinge. We shel see churches and skool houses, factrys and villages everywhere. The Pogram place uv 2,000 akers will be divided up into twenty farms, and onto them will be the bustlin Noo Yorker, the cool, calculating Yankee, the stiddy, hard-workin German, who will display his grovelin nacher by workin himself instid uv forcin niggers to do it for him. We shel be run over with skoolmarms, deluged with academies, plastered over with newspapers, stunned with machinery, drove crazy by the whirr, crash and clash of mowin machines and reapers. And there will be cheese made at the Corners. Pennibacker's distillery will be turned into a cheese factry, and weak whey will run wher now the generous high wines flash along the troughs. Ther will be no rectifyin at the Corners; the hog pens will be abolished, and in ther sted will be skool houses. And methinks I see in my mind's eye, Horasho, the speerit, the ghost uv the departed Pogram (for he won't survive it long), a hoverin over

the scene, ez Hamlick's father did. The blessed shade will look in vane for his house—on the spot when it stood will be an academy. He will turn to Bascom's, but ther he will find a deestrict skule.

"To Pennibacker's!" he will gasp, in a speerit whisper, and with a speritooal smack uv his speeritooal lips he will hover over it, but the smell uv cheese in the place uv the strengthenin odors in wich he delites, will send a speritooal shudder thro him. A ghost uv a tear will run down his speeritooal nose, linger for a minit at the tip, like a dew drop on the rose and fall!

Then will the dissatisfied ghost demand to be taken back to purgatory, a place less tryin to his nerves.

All is up with me and us. I shel stay in Kentucky for the present, tho wat may become uv me the Lord only knows

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY LOSES HIS POSTOFFICE.

On a Farm, Three Miles from Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the Stait uv Kentucky),
June 29, 1869.

The die is cast! The guilloteen hez fallen! I am no longer Postmaster at Confedrit X Roads, wich is in the State uv Kentucky. The place wich knowd me wunst will know me no more forever; the paper wich Deekin Pogram takes will be handed out by a nigger; a nigger will hev the openin uv letters addressed to parties residin hereabouts, containin remittances; a nigger will hev the riflin uv letters addrest to lottry managers, and extractin the sweets therefrom; a nigger will be— But I can't dwell upon the disgustin theme no longer.

I hed bin in Washington two weeks assistin the Caucashens uv that city to put their foot upon the heads uv the cussid niggers who ain't content to accept the situashen and remain ez they alluz hev bin, inferior beins. To say I hed succeeded, is a week expreshen. I organized a raid onto em so effectooally ez to drive no less than thirty uv em out uv employment, twenty-seven uv wich wuz compelled to steel their bread, wich give us a splendid opportoonity to show up the materal cussidness uv the Afrikin race, wich we improved.

On my arrival at the Corners, I knew to wunst that suthin wuz wrong. The bottles behind the bar wuz draped in black; the barrels wuz festooned gloomily (wich is our yoosual method of expressin greef at public calamities), and the premises generally wore a funeral aspeck.

"Wat is it?" gasped I.

Bascom returned not a word, but waved his hand towards the Post Offis.

Rushin thither, I bustid open the door, and reeled almost agin the wall. At the general delivery wuz the grinnin face uv a nigger! and settin in my chair wuz Joe Bigler, with Pollock beside him, smokin pipes and laffin over suthin in a noosepaper.

Bigler caught site uv me, and dartin out, pulled me inside them hitherto sacred precinks.

"Permit me," sed he, jeerinly, "to interdoose you to yoor successor, Mr. Ceezer Lubby."

"My successor! Wat does this mean?"

"Show him, Ceeser!"

And the nigger, every tooth in his head shinin, handed me a commishn dooly made out, and signed. I saw it all at a glance. I hed left my biznis in the hands uv a depetty. It arrived the day after I left, and Isaker Gavitt,

who distribbited the mail, gave it to the cuss. Pollock made out the bonds and went onto em himself, and in ten days the commishn come all regler, whereupon Bigler backt the nigger and took forceable possession uv the office. While I wuz absent they hed hed a percession in honor uv the joyful event, sed perceshn consistin uv Pollock, Bigler, and the new Postmaster, who marched through the streets with the stars and stripes, banners and sich. Bigler remarkt that the percession wuzn't large, but it wuz talented, eminently respectable, and extremely versateel. He (Bigler) carried the flag, and played the fife; Pollock carried a banner with an inscripshen on it, "Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea," and played the bass drum; while the nigger bore aloft a banner inscribed, "Where Afric's sunny fountins roll down the golden sands," with his commission pinned onto it, playin in addishen a pair uv anshent cymbals. Bigler remarkt further that the perceshun created a positive sensashun at the Corners, wicch I shood think it wood. "It wuzn't," sed the tormentin cuss, "very much like the grand percession wich took place when yoo received yoor commisshn. Then the whites at the Corners wuz elated, for they spectid to git wat yoo owed em in doo time, and the niggers wuz correspondinly deprest. They slunk into by-ways and side-ways; they didn't hold up their heads, and they dusted out ez fast ez they cood git. At this percession ther wuz a change. The niggers lined the streets ez we passed, grimmin exultinly, and the whites wuz deprest correspondinly. It's singler that at the Corners the two races can't feel good both at the same time."

My arrival hevin become known, by the time I got back to Bascom's all my friends hed gathered there. There wuzn't a dry eye among em; and ez I thot uv the joys once tastid, but now forever fled, mine moistened likewise. There wuz a visible change in their manner towards me. They regarded me with solisitood, but I cood discern that the solisitood wuz not so much for me ez for themselves.

'What shel I do?" I askt. "Suthin must be devised, for I can't starve."

"Pay me wat yoo owe me!" ejakelatid Bascom.

'Pay me wat yoo owe me!" ejakelatid Deekin Pogram, and the same remark wuz made by all uv em with wonderful yoonanimity. Watever differences uv opinyun ther mite be on other topics, on this they wuz all agreed.

"Gentlemen!" I commenced, backing into a corner, "tis this generous? Is this the treatment I hev a right to expect? Is this—"

I shood hev gone on at length, but jist at this minnit Pollock, Joe Bigler, and the new Postmaster entered.

"I hev biznis!" sed the Postmaster; "not agreeable biznis, but it's my offishel dooty to perform it."

At the word "offishel" comin from his lips, I groaned, wich wuz ekkoed by those present.

"I hev in my hand," continyood he, "de bond giben by my predecessor, onto wich is de names uv George W. Bascom, Elkanah Pogram, Hugh McPelter, and Seth Pennibacker, ez sureties. In dis oder hand I hold a skedool ob de property belongin to de 'partment wich wuz turned ober to him by his predecessor, consistin of table, chairs, boxes, locks, bags, et settry, wid sundry dollars worf of stamps, paper, twine, &c. None ob dis offis property, turned ober to my predecessor by his predecessor, is to be found in de offis, and de objick ob dis visit is to notify yoo dat onless immejit payment be made uv the amount thereof, I am directed by de 'partment to bring soot to-wunst against the sed sureties."

Never before did I so appreciate A. Johnson, and his Postmaster General

Randall. Under their administrashen wat Postmaster wuz ever pulled up for steelin anythin? Eko ansers. This wuz the feather that broke the camel's back.

"Wat!" exclaimed Bascom, "shel I lose wat yoo owe me, and then pay for wat yoo've stole?"

"Shel I lose the money," sed Pogram, "wich I lent yoo, and in addishen pay a Ablishen government for property yoo've confiscated?"

"But the property is here," I remarkt to Bascom; "yoo've got it all. Why not return it, and save all this trouble?"

"Wat wood I hev then for the whiskey yoo've consoomed?" he ejakelated vishusly. "It's all I've ever got from yoo; and I've been keepin yoo for four years."

"Didn't that property pay yoo for the likker?" I asked; but Bascom wuz in no humor for figgers, and he pitched into me, at wich pleasant pastime they all follered soot. But for Joe Bigler, they wood hev killed me. Ez it wuz, they blackt both my eyes, and rolled me out onto the sidewalk, shuttin the door agin me.

Ez I heard that door slam to, I felt that all wuz lost. No offis! no money! and Bascom's closed agin me! Kin ther be a harder fate? I passed the nite with a farmer, three miles out, who, bein sick, hedn't bin to the Corners, and consekently knowd nuthin uv the changes.

I heerd the next day the result uv the ruckshun. Bascom returned sich uv the property ez hedn't been sold and consoomed, wich consisted uv the boxes. The chairs hed bin broken up in the frekent shindies wich occur at this place; the locks hed bin sold to farmers who yoozed em on their smoke houses; the bags hed bin sold for wheat, and so on. The stamps, paper, twine, and sich, figgered up three hundred and forty-six dollars, wich wuz three hundred more dollars than there wuz in the Corners. Bascom advanced the forty-six dollars, and the three hundred wuz borrered uv a banker at Secessionville, who took mortgages on the farms uv the imprudent bondsmen for sekoority. Uv course I can't go back to the Corners under eggsistin circumstances. It wood be uncomfortable for me to live there ez matters terminated. I shel make my way to Washinton, and shel see if I can't git myself electid ez Manager of a Labor Association, and so make a livin till there comes a change in the Administrashen. I wood fasten myself on A. Johnson, but unforchnitly there ain't enuff in him to tie to. I wood ez soon think uv tyin myself to a car wheel in a storm at sea.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich was Post Master.)

"CUSSID BE CANAAN!"

A LECTURE DELIVERED AT MUSIC HALL, BOSTON, DECEMBER 22, 1867.

We are all descended from grandfathers. Nearly a century ago the grandfathers of some of us, in convention assembled, uttered as doctrine, which they believed could not be gainsaid, these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson was the particular grandfather who wrote these high-sounding words, and, as a consequence, he has been ever since hailed as the father of the only political party which never believed in them. My particular mission is to show that Jefferson was a most shallow person, which opinion of Jefferson is very general in the South. True, the Democracy claim him as its father; but when we remember that the same party claim Jackson, the strangler of secession, as another father, we can easily see how that can be. We have claimed these men as ancestors only since they departed this life. Should they rise from the dead, and be blessed with a view of their reputed sons, particularly the branch of the family that has taken up its residence in the city of New York, they would, I doubt not, hold up their hands in horror, and exclaim, "It's a wise father who knows his own child."

It was well enough for Jefferson to assert the equality of men before there was profit in inequality; but had he been really a prophet, he would have done no such thing. In his day Slavery was unprofitable, and, consequently, not the holy thing it has been since. The slaves were burdens instead of aids, for the planters were compelled to provide for them. The hogs ate the corn, and the negroes ate the hogs, leaving the poor owners only what they left. But happily there came a change. An ingenious Yankee invented the cotton gin, slave labor became valuable, and, presto! the doctrine of the equality of men was consigned to the limbo for worn-out and useless rubbish, and Jefferson went out of fashion. Had he been really desirous of being held up as the prophet of the people who afterwards claimed him as such, we should not have had the forcible sentences I have read. He would have diluted them into something like this: "We hold these supposed truths to be tolerably self-evident, that, as a rule, all white men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with divers and sundry rights, which may be considered inalienable; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of —— niggers!"

It will be observed that the two Declarations differ somewhat. One is as Jefferson wrote it, and the other is the version we use at Confedrit X Roads.

Jefferson was at fault in his lack of appreciation, and strange omission of the word "white." The same omission is painfully observable in all the literature of the world. I have searched faithfully the realms of poetry and history, and am compelled to acknowledge that nowhere outside of the Constitutions of certain States is the word "white" made a necessary prefix to the word "man." And against this I protest. Literature should conform to law, and to the great Caucasian idea. The term employed to designate responsible beings in the Constitutions of our States being "white male," I insist that we go through all our books, and substitute "white male" for "man" wherever the word occurs. Thus we shall make Sir Walter Scott say:

"Breathes there a white male, with soul so dead."

Addison shall say, in Cato:

When vice prevails, and impious white males bear sway,
The post of honor is the private station."

In Macbeth, the murderers shall say:

"We are all white males, my liege."

And Macbeth shall answer:

"Aye, in the catalogue ye go for white males."

And Othello, before the Senators:

"She swore, i' faith, 'twas strange—'twas passing strange;—
'Twas pitiful; 'twas wondrous pitiful.
She wished she had not heard it, yet she wished
That Heaven had made her such a white male."

But in the Bible the improvement would shine out in a clearer and stronger light. In our Caucasian—our white men's Bibles—we shall have such words as these:

I Samuel 13:14—

"A white male after his own heart."

2 Samuel 12:7—

"And Nathan said unto David, Thou art the white male."

Psalms 37:37—

"Mark the perfect white male, and behold the upright; for the end of that white male is peace."

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy white male fellow-citizen as thyself."

And in the mouth of our Saviour we shall put these words:

"Suffer little white children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This passage would be especially grateful to us of Kentucky, showing as it would that the distinction between the races would be kept up through all eternity. But, unfortunately, the Books do not so read. The American people, when slave labor became of value, forsook Jefferson, put the word "white" into their laws, and painted the word "nigger" on their banners, which word has been a political Shibboleth ever since. It is this Nigger which we shall investigate to-night. I am the more anxious that the people shall understand the na-

ture of this being, and the absurdity of the attempt to elevate him to manhood, for the reason that an effort to that end is now being made. The insane agitators, who deny the truth of Kentucky theology, are resisting us in our efforts to put him in his old place. In the face of our desires, they insist upon deluging the country with Massachusetts, and making of the South a second New England—factories, farms, churches, school-houses and all.

Upon the 957th page of the Dictionary you will find the word "negro" defined as follows: "One of the black, woolly-headed, thick-lipped, flat-nosed race of men inhabiting Africa." The Negro of the Dictionary is not the individual of which I shall speak. The Negro I know nothing about; the Nigger I have spent much time in investigating, and flatter myself I understand it thoroughly. I say it of the Nigger, and him of the Negro, for there is a wide difference between them. The Negro is a man, born in Africa, or descended from natives of that country; the Nigger is an idea, which exists only in the imagination of persons of the haughty Caucasian race resident in the United States. It is an idea which sways men, and influences their action, without having being; a myth, which influences the world, without possessing form or shape. It is possessed of many attributes, is many-sided, many-shaped, vastly endowed, and fearfully and wonderfully made. To clear up as I go, I may as well specify some of the peculiarities of the Nigger. For instance, it is firmly believed that he could never provide for himself; but those so contending, also declare that the wealth of the country is dependent upon him, and that without him weeds would grow in the streets of our cities. It was asserted that he would not labor; et the same men undertook the large job of conquering the North, that they might continue to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He was said to be so stupid as to be incapable of receiving even the rudiments of an education, and yet we found it necessary, in our States, to pass stringent laws, with fearful penalties attached, to prevent him from doing it! It was held by eloquent speakers that he would invade the North, and, as he was too indolent to work, he would fill our almshouses and jails; and the same speakers would assert a moment later, with equal eloquence, that accustomed as he always had been to labor, he would work for less pay than white men, and throw them all out of employment. This last assertion, I have noticed, was always made by gentlemen in the vicinity of bar-rooms, whose nose were solferino-hued, whose hats were crownless, and whose wives, for amusement probably, took in washing to feed the children. It is an unfortunate fact for us, that men who labor in earnest have never been afraid of the competition of the Nigger. Lower down in the scale of creation than the baboon, they were fearful he would, if not restrained by law, teach their schools, sit as judges, and be elected to Congress; so repulsive in appearance had they painted him, with his thick lips, black face, and kinky hair, that the very thought of one would make a white damsel shudder; nevertheless they demanded the enactment of laws in States where women may choose their husbands unrestrained, to prevent these same white damsels from marrying them. Immeasurably beneath them in every particular, they felt called upon to perpetually cry, "Protect us from nigger equality!"—and so on.

Jefferson's fault was the result of a lack of knowledge. He knew all about the Negro, but nothing about the Nigger, and it was well for him, therefore, that he lived in the year of our Lord 1776. Had he lived ninety years later, and enunciated the same doctrine, we should have shot him, as we did Lovejoy. Were he alive now, he could not have been elected to Congress in the district represented by the Hon. John Morrisey! No, indeed! The gentlemen who left their native soil because of the scarcity of this equality (and of potatoes),

the men who would have been carpet-baggers but for the lack of carpet-bags—those who have kindly taken charge of the politics of several of the Atlantic cities—these men are the sharp sticklers that the distinctions between man and man which drove them from the land of their birth be kept up here. Their motto is, "One man is as good as another;" but when their eyes rest upon a black man, they very properly add, "and better too!" This class have cultivated such a delightful hatred of the Nigger that they won't even drink with one, unless, indeed, the Nigger pays for the fluids. This makes some difference. And that this distinction may be kept up, we have interpolated into Jefferson's Declaration the word "white," and assert, vehemently, that both Scripture and science, of which we know much, justify the interpolation. In Kentucky, we don't take the Declaration of Independence as we do our whiskey, straight, but we sweeten it to our taste. We have all the passages of Scripture relating to it at our tongues' end. At the Corners, you can hear at any time those whose appearance hardly denotes erudition, whose noses blossom as the lobster, whose hair asserts impatience of restraint by obtruding itself through the corners of their hats, whose toes manifest themselves through their ventilated shoes, and to whose perpendicularity posts are necessary, exclaim, unctuously, "And Noer planted a vineyard, and drank of the wine, and was drunken. Cussed be Canaan."

Having dwelt as long as is profitable upon the attributes of this interesting being, I pass to an examination of his origin. It is found in the 9th chapter of Genesis. The world, sunk in wickedness, was destroyed by a flood. But it was not the design of the Almighty to exterminate the race. I will not stop here to argue whether it would have been better to have made clean work of it or not. I was in New York, a few weeks ago, and thought, perhaps, it would. Be that as it may, one family he preserved in the ark, and when the tempests that had wrought His judgments had subsided, and the purified earth was again fit for the occupancy of man, this family left their floating home, and went out upon its face. The Book gives a short, though satisfactory account of what followed. Noah, six hundred years old at the time, having seen nothing but water for nearly twelve months, wanted a change. He planted a vineyard, pressed the grapes, drank the wine therefrom, and was drunken; which was a very indiscreet performance for one at his age. Had he been a mere infant of one or two hundred years, it wouldn't have been so singular, but a mature man of six hundred ought to have known better. It has always been a mystery at the Corners how Noah could become inebriated on so thin a drink as new wine. Deacon Pogram remarked that Noah wuzn't a seasoned vessel. In that condition he lay down in his tent with insufficient clothing upon him. As it was in the beginning, so it is now, and ever shall be. To this day the man who drinks will sooner or later get down with too little clothing upon him. Ham, his youngest son, saw him, and laughingly told his brethren. Shem and Japheth reproved Ham for his levity, and took their garments upon their shoulders, and going backward, laid them upon him. When Noah awoke, he knew what Ham had done, and he cursed him in these words: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

Upon this one act of our common father hung momentous results. That one draught of wine set in motion a succession of events that affected the fate of the greatest nation of the world, in all conceivable ways, from the election of constables to the fighting of great battles. For in that cup of wine was Democracy—then and there it was born, and that cup of wine gave that party its Nigger—all the capital it ever had. The temperance tell us that in

every cup of wine there is a devil; in this cup you will acknowledge there was a large and particularly lively one.

The drinking of this wine, and the drunkenness that it produced upon the inexperienced Noah, was the cause of a division of the human race into two classes—white men and niggers. Under the head of white men, we class the red man of America, with his aquiline nose, coppery complexion, and straight hair; the Mongolian, with his olive-colored skin, black hair, and flat nose; the Caucasian, with his fair complexion, hair of all colors, and features of all shapes; the Celt, with his variable features; and—Democrats. A Democrat is counted a white man, no matter what his complexion may be; no matter what the color of his hair—or nose. All the rest of the human family—and Radicals—we set down as Niggers. To the white race we ascribe all the glory of the South—to the others nothing.

This elevation of the white race, and consequent degredation of the black, is justified by the few of us who read the Bible, by the sin of Ham; though, by the way, we have nothing to say in particular of the sin of Noah, which preceded and led to it, Noah's sin being one that we are compelled, for obvious reasons, to look upon with much leniency.

To be frank, I have never believed that poor Ham was fairly dealt with. I have always pitied Ham. He was, doubtless, a great, good-natured fellow, with a keen appreciation of the ludicrous, and was vastly amused at the condition of his sire. Drunkenness was not so common in that day as to excite disgust; and as he saw the old navigator on his back, his face twisted with inebriety, his snores waking the echoes, and the walls of his tent swaying from his hard breathing, he doubtless thought he had, as the slang-users of this day would say, "a good thing on the old man."

But if it was a laughing matter with the foolish Ham, it was not so with the shrewd Shem and Japheth. They pierced the future. To get into the good graces of their father, they turned their backs upon his sin and folly (as we do nowadays upon the sin and folly of those from whom we want favors), and, precisely as we do, cast over his sin their garments. The only parallel to this we have in modern times occurred in Washington a few years ago. Andrew Johnson was very much in the condition of Noah upon one memorable 22d of February, and a small army of patriots, who had assessorships, post offices, and collectorships in their eyes, made haste to cast their garments over him. But they did not succeeed in covering him. Noah awoke, and in the ill-humor which always follows excess, cursed poor Ham, and condemned his son Canaan to be the servants of his uncles forever. This was the beginning of Democracy. Drunkenness brought exposure, exposure shame, shame a curse, and thus cursed, Ham went out a Nigger. Drunkenness made Nigger, Nigger made Democracy, and the two have been running the machine ever since.

We have now plainly before us the origin of the Nigger, and have, therefore, a starting point for our investigations. Here were three brothers, Shem, Ham and Japheth, with a curse upon Ham, condemning his children to serve the others. We, the whites, claim to be the descendants of the other two, and consequently assert the right to own and work the children of our unfortunate uncle. The claim is a comfortable one. Labor is something all men dread; and if it can be positively fixed that Noah did curse Ham, and that he spoke by authority, and that the negro is really the descendant of Ham, and we are the descendants of Japheth, we have really a good thing of it. We of Kentucky have always desired to fulfil the great law of labor, as our particular friends at the North served in the army—by substitute

One cup of wine, and a curse after it, made a difference in the history of the world.

How differently history would have been written had Noah started a temperance society at the beginning, or had the Maine liquor law been in operation in that country. Or had he taken up any other branch of agriculture! Had he planted corn instead of grapes, or gone into sheep or poultry; had a frost blighted his grapes, or a mildew struck them, or had the screw of his press broken; had any one of these things happened, he would not have become inebriated; Ham would not have seen him; there would have been no curse, no Nigger, no Democracy. For who can imagine a Democracy without a Nigger to be kept in subjection! Or suppose that all of Ham's children had died of diphtheria! Had any one of these things happened, the whole course of political events would have been changed. We never should have seen at political meetings in the West, wagon-loads of ancient females, with banners over their venerable heads, and inscribed thereon this agonizingly touching appeal: "Fathers, protect us from negro equality!" as though they were not old enough, as a rule, to protect themselves. Or this heroic declaration: "White husbands or none!" which, taken in connection with their age and single condition, would indicate that if they had ever had offers they must have come from black men. In the East, the gentlemen who sent the Hon. John Morrisey to Congress from New York, would have been spared the crimes of arson and murder, for there would have been no nigger orphan asylums to awaken their righteous indignation; no adult male niggers to hang to lamp posts. But as any one of these things would have changed the complexion of affairs, and prevented the unfortunate change in Ham's complexion, and as they did not happen, we are bound to admit that Providence intended the negro to be kept down, and in the eternal fitness of things, arranged for an organization to keep him down.

This curse is the great pivotal fact upon which American politics have turned for years. But we found many difficulties in it. The first difficulty which occurred to me, is the fact that all of Ham's children did not suffer in consequence of their father's little indiscretion. It ought to have fallen upon all alike, but it did not. Nimrod was a descendant of Ham, but he was not the servant of anybody, very much. On the contrary, quite the reverse. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; and mighty hunters have never been servants. The man strong enough to struggle with the lion and to overcome the tiger, and brave enough to dare the dangers of the chase for the fierce delights it affords, is not the man to humbly hump his shoulders, and to a mere man say that most hateful of all words, "Master." Besides, Nimrod built cities and established kingdoms, which is not the work of servants. We are forced to the conclusion, therefore, that the curse held to Canaan only; that Nimrod's children mingled with the sons of Shem and Japheth, and that their descendants are to-day white men. This troubles us; for, counting it a truth, we were associating with those having the blood of the cursed Ham in their veins; and besides, if one of the descendants of Ham escaped the curse, may not others get out from under it at the same place? Again, if the Negroes of Africa, from which country we procured the stock we are blessed with, are really the descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham, the curse which Noah imposed upon them lost its adhesive power for many centuries. The brethren separated, and each went about his business. I have spent sleepless nights upon this question, but I must confess that I can find no proof that Canaan, or any of his descendants, were, until a comparatively recent date, the servants of anybody! Can it be that the curse was as temporary in its effects as the wine that produced it? Did it evaporate with

the fumes thereof? Did it pass away with Noah's headache the next morning? Did Noah make over to Shem and Japheth property for which he had no title?

Unfortunately Shem's descendants are said to have stayed in Asia, Ham's went to Africa, and Japheth's peopled Europe. Here is the difficulty that besets me. How could Ham's descendants serve their brethren, they staying in Africa, while the brethren were comfortably established in Europe and Asia? It may be answered that they went after them; but, alas! they had no need of that. The strong Shemites found enough weak Shemites to enslave without going after their cousins, and the same is true of the Japhethites. The Tartars made servants of the Chinese, the Normons of the Saxons, and the Romans had a cheerful habit of gobbling up all the weaker people within their reach. Among these, I regret to say, were the ancestors of those before me—your fathers and mine. The curse was in in existence, and had power, but somehow it was demoralized. When Noah fired it off it missed its aim. It scattered like a poor shot-gun, and hit where he did not intend it. For in all ages of the world slavery has existed. There never has been a time when strong men were not too lazy to work; never a time when there were not brutes and imbeciles—the two classes necessary to the system. The strong enslaved the weak without regard to Noah. They did it in a manly way, too. The enslavers did not ask the person they wished to enslave for their family record; they did not attempt to ascertain whether or not he was descended from Canaan. Not they. If they wanted a servant, they sought out a man weaker than they; they knocked him down, in the old fashioned way, with a club; they beat till the original man was pretty much pummelled out of him, and then, reduced to the condition of a beast, he was the individual they desired. History is full of these instances, and Jefferson had this kind of history in his mind when he wrote the Declaration; which would have been well enough had he put the word "white" in its proper place, that there might be no doubt as to his meaning.

As he left it, it applies to black as well as white, and strictly construed robs us of our Nigger.

We could never find any testimony in the Scriptures that the dusky sons of Africa were the descendants of Canaan; and this is another difficulty. To be a servant, as our people understand it, one ought to be an inferior; and we held that the negro was our inferior, and ought to be our servant, because of the curse. Behold the snag upon which our boat runs. Our conservative brethren oppose the conferring of any rights upon these people, because we dread the supremacy of the negro! That sweet boon to an oppressed people, Andrew Johnson, in his annual message, always devoted a chapter to the danger of this race taking possession of the government, and conducting it themselves; and I am not certain but that I have seen the same fear expressed in the reports of Secretary Welles, as he said regularly whatever the President has said. Seward once dwelt upon it at length, but I do not like to quote him. The distance from Abraham Lincoln to Andrew Johnson was so great, that the leap from the one to the other broke his moral back. He has never stood upright since. The friends of the race jeeringly say that if the negroes should take the government in their own hands, they hope they will conduct it to better advantage than the late President has, for if they do not, it would prove to the satisfaction of everybody that the curse was a reality, and that they are not fit, as yet, to be intrusted with political rights.

Now we have in the United States four millions of these people, all told, and thirty millions of whites. It is as certain as the multiplication table that if

laws are necessary to prevent them from governing us, they must be the superior and we the inferior race. If, in a clear field, the four millions can control the thirty millions, it must be certainly because of the superiority of the four millions. It troubles us to reconcile this pet fear of ours with our claims of superiority.

I have never been able from the Book, to determine just how far that curse extended. Noah's words were, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." I ask especial attention to the wording of this text, as it affords a complete justification of the practice of amalgamation, so common in the South under the old system. The Canaanites were condemned to be servants unto their brethren. Not unto the stranger, but their brethren. How, except through this, let me ask, could the slaves of the South be brethren unto their masters? But we have full faith that the curse was intended to include not only Canaan, but his descendants. If it was only to cover Canaan, and was to die with him, of what use would it have been to us? Had it died with Canaan, we of Kentucky would have been doing our own work to-day, and we might have put on its tombstone the epitaph written for the kitten which died too young:

"If I was so soon to be done for,
What was I begun for?"

It may be well here to consider briefly the question of color, which has worried and perplexed all of us. We are white, or copper-colored, and the negroes, such of them as stayed at the North are black. The question is, "Why black?" One theory is, that color is the result of climate, diet, habits of life, and other conditions, which, persevered in for many generations, will change the appearances of families of men. The people of my state know better. They ascribe it to the curse of Noah; that Ham, being the brother of Shem and Japheth, was originally white, even as they were, but that he went out from the presence of his father with this mark of displeasure, not only upon his face, but spread all over his body. The very name to us is significant of color. The curse changed at once his physical nature, and the change took place suddenly. When Ham got to his room that morning, and gazed at himself in his mirror, he called, in astonishment, for Shem and Japheth, that he might be introduced to himself.

Noah, when he changed Ham's style and shape, had doubtless a glimpse of the future, and he made of him precisely the kind of man that the future required. As he was to be the menial of his brethren for all time, he considerately gave him a complexion suited to his condition; one that would not show dirt. To further fit him for the discharge of the duties that were to be his, his nose was flattened, that it could never be turned up in scorn at anything; his arms were elongated, his shoulders were broadened, his forehead was driven backward, and his hair, long and straight like ours, was converted into wool, that he should waste no time in dressing it, and also that we, his masters, might have a better hold for our fingers. These are the physical characteristics of the race in America, and we affirm that the negro must and ought to be a slave, because the Almighty, working through Noah, made him exactly of the shape and style necessary to that condition.

There may be a mistake here. It is possible, as I once heard a philosophical son of Ham say, that those who hold these views have been all along mistaking their own work for the Almighty's. He had the impudence to say that it was possible that when the first negro was landed on our shores he was neither flat-nosed, long-heeled, nor large-handed. He was, however, forthwith

set at work grubbing land in Virginia; his nose was being continually flattened by the fist of his chivalrous master; his shoulders were broadened by the burdens piled upon them; his hands were widened by constant holding of the hoe, and his heel was providentially lengthened to enable him to maintain his equilibrium under the loads he was compelled to carry. Had they been shorter, he would, when overloaded, have fallen backward. His receding forehead he accounted for in this way: "Of what use," said he, "would a head shaped to hold brains be to one who had no brains to hold? and why should he have brains who has no occasion to use them?" But I noticed that this particular nigger, who had learned to read and write, had a head shaped very much like the ordinary people of intelligence, and that his children, who could not only read and write, but cipher, were still more so. He had put out his one talent to usury, and it had become ten in his descendants. We of the South feared this. We would not fly in the face of the Lord on any account. Zealous to fulfil His word, and determined that for His glory Canaan should forever be a servant unto his brethren; and fearful that if they should gain knowledge they might give the Lord the slip, and be their own men, we withheld our knowledge from them. Piously, therefore, we enacted laws making the teaching of these foreordained slaves to read the sacred word of God a penitentiary offence. And in our determination that they should not be unfitted for their destiny, we did hang very many meddlesome Yankees who doubted it all, and proposed to do something towards elevating them above the condition of beasts. In those happy days, south of the Ohio river, it only required twenty minutes of time to arrest, try, hang, and divide the clothes of a Northern schoolteacher. And when one of these Noah-cursed men demonstrated, by opposing the will of his master, that he had brains, the matter was pleasantly and peremptorily settled by knocking them out. A great deal of brain has been thus disposed of in the Southern States.

Another trouble that besets us, is the fact that the curse remained inoperative and in abeyance for centuries after it was pronounced. The children of Ham, it is supposed, occupied Africa all by themselves. They fell, as did their cousins in Europe and Asia, into vice; their vices being just as much more detestable than those cultivated by their cousins as the climate of their country is hotter. Vice, like vegetation, attains its greatest perfection in hot climates. The farther south you go the less orthodox you find mankind. Vermont, where man wrestles with Nature, and wrests a subsistence from an unwilling soil by main strength, has never faltered in her devotion to humanity. Louisiana, on the other hand, where Nature yields her treasures at the asking, is as true to the Democracy as the needle to the pole, or the Kentuckian to his whiskey; two examples of fidelity equaled by nothing else in this world. Where men find a living ready-made, they have too much time upon their hands to be good. The Ten Commandments have but little chance where labor is unnecessary. Had South Carolina been blessed with a month of sleighing each year, she never would have passed an ordinance of secession. No climate less hot than that of Mississippi could develop such a man as Jeff Davis; and Salisbury, Andersonville, Belle Isle, and General Forrest were only possible where the thermometer stands at one hundred for months together. It may be, indeed it has been said by a few soldiers who survived Andersonville, that the heat in which the men I have mentioned, exist, was not meant to affect the moral natures, but was intended by a kind Providence, who foreknow their destination, to prepare them in some slight measure, for the still greater heat to which they are certain to be subjected in the future.

The Japhethites harried, murdered, and plundered each other in Europe, and the Shemites fell to a still deeper depth of barbarism, as did our African brother.

In Europe the Japhethites built large castles, and rode about upon horses, clad absurdly in cast iron, with inverted pots upon their heads, killing each other with iron spears, and the Africans were doing the same things, on a smaller scale, with spears pointed with fish-bones.

But the sons of Canaan had not as yet been introduced to the curse, unfortunately. There were slaves in Africa, but they were slaves not unto Japheth's children, but unto themselves, precisely as the children of Shem and Japheth enslaved men of their own race. When Caesar conquered a nation at war with Rome, he made slaves of his captives; and when Gumbo Quashee, prince of Borrioboola Gha, led his hosts of warriors against a neighboring king, he dragged back captives in his train, who were at once enslaved. If Gumbo met defeat, the only difference was, he took his turn at the mill. The enslaved have always been the victims of a curse, not of the drunken Noah, but of that more terrible curse, weakness.

There is another ugly point in this matter of the curse that is hardly worth referring to, but it may be as well. The fact is (and this hurts us), the Africans, the woolly-headed, thick-lipped, dark-skinned Africans, of whom we have made slaves under the curse, are not the descendants of Canaan, upon whom the curse fell, at all.

Unfortunately for us, who have risked our all upon this, the Scriptures are explicit upon this point.

Canaan begat Sidon and Heth, and their descendants were the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, and—sites of other tribes. The Book tells us precisely where they are located.

Too lazy and too shiftless to move any distance, they pre-empted the ground upon which Jerusalem stands, their territory including those New Yorks of the old world, Sodom and Gomorrah. They were not nice people to have for next door neighbors. They had many disagreeable habits. They were a compound of Brigham Young and Kidd the Pirate, and it is supposed that Salt Lake City and New York were modeled after their principal towns as near as may be. It will be remembered that these two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, came to a sudden end.

Notwithstanding the love I bear the metropolis, because of its politics, the reading of the account of the destruction of these cities, and knowing what has been may, for the same cause, occur again, has deterred me from investing very largely in real estate in New York. But these Canaanites did not go to Africa; they stayed in Asia; and as we have been enslaving only Africans, it is clear that there has been a mistake somewhere, and that we have been innocently enslaving the wrong race all this time. You all remember the venerable story of the tub. An old woman brought suit once upon a time for the value of a tub which she had loaned, and which had been returned to her, piece by piece, the hoops having all dropped off. The defence set up by the borrower was comprehensive. First, and to begin with, the defendant never borrowed the tub. Secondly, she returned it with the hoops all on it, and thirdly, the plaintiff never had a tub.

It is about so with this pet curse of ours. It wasn't good for much at best, it didn't stick to the people at whom it was levelled, and the Africans, upon whose shoulders we have piled it, are not Canaanites. Our ancestors did not believe this, however. They believed in this curse, with the childlike simplicity of a pawnbroker. It is very easy for us to believe in anything that holds

out promise of personal benefit. Men whose love for gain cannot be satisfied with six days of labor, very generally question the sanctity of the Sabbath; and we all insist that laws shall be made to fit our desires, rather than to bring our desires to fit laws. These ancestors of ours were a greedy set. They hungered after a life of no labor, and they believed, therefore, that the Lord directed Columbus across the untried wastes of water that rolled between Spain and America solely that this long retired and almost forgotten curse might be revived and put in force. It had been a failure thus far; but as they looked out upon the new world, and saw how magnificently they could live, if they could only get their labor for nothing, their faith in it revived. They found here field and forest, gold and water, everything but labor.

The emigrant might, it is true, have done the labor himself, but then this cherished curse of ours would have been still floating around the world, like the dove of the eminent navigator who uttered it, with no place to rest the sole of its foot. Besides, they did not want to do the labor. The first settlers of Virginia, from whom the chivalry of that state claim descent, never labored at home, and why should they here? The settlers of Carolina were men to whom labor was as distasteful as it has ever been to their descendants. The negro was precisely what they wanted. The original decree was, "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." They were determined that the decree should be fulfilled, but they wanted the dividing of it.

They were perfectly willing to do the eating, but they wanted the negro to do the sweating; and had he been content with this division of the decree, all would have been smooth to-day.

They prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread;" but they added to the petition, "and furnish us a nigger to feed it to us."

Of course they believe in the curse. The planter on the banks of the James felt the convenience of an arrangement which would obviate the first curse of labor, by a second curse; of having the sin brought into the world through the agency of the apple, done away with by another sin which had its origin in the grape.

They found it a blessed thing to have a being rich in muscle to perform their share of the penalty of the first curse, giving them wasteful summers at Saratoga, and ample time and means for the cultivation of the Southern Christian graces—gambling, horse-racing, pistol-shooting, and the like. It was a glorious life they led! Did the proud Caucasian master have an ill run of luck at cards? a nigger on the block made it all right the next morning. Did madam, his wife, mourn, and refuse to be comforted, because a thousand dollar shawl was not? the matter was easily arranged. The tearing apart of a husband and wife, and the sale of one; the condemning of a quadroon of her own sex to a life of shame, was all that was necessary. Did they desire to entertain their friends sumptuously? Why should they not? There was no sordid counting of cost, as it was farther North; for were there not niggers to sweat? Virginia hospitality was celebrated. Vermont hospitality might have been, had Vermont fostered this curse, and partaken of its benefits. It's easy enough to be hospitable with a hundred negroes, more or less, sweating for you gratis. We did not invent reapers or sewing machines, for we didn't need them. Flesh and blood was to be bought in any market, and it was cheaper than iron and steel. We down South were happily circumstanced. We had black slaves at home to do our labor, and white serfs up North, just as humble, to do our voting. Nature kindly furnished us a race white enough to vote, and low enough to be owned.

Interpreting the curse to include all Africa, our pious fathers set about

bringing as many of its inhabitants as possible under its operations. They sent out missionaries, whom a censorious world was wicked enough to stigmatize as pirates and slavers, clad in red shirts, with pistol at belt and cutlass by side, bearded like pards, and full of strong oaths. These evangelizers, full of zeal and rum, sailed up the rivers of Africa, and surprised villages of these accursed people, killing the accursed men and women too old to work, and the accursed children too young to work, but selecting out carefully the able-bodied ones of both sexes. Packing these in the holds of their vessels, like herrings, they turned their prows homeward, throwing overboard from day to day, the bodies of those who had so little regard for the curse of Noah as to die on the way to the fulfilment thereof. And so at last the curse was fulfilled. On the cotton plantations, in the rice swamps, in the cane and tobacco fields, the supposed sons of Ham toiled on, expiating the stupidity of their supposed father, who, a great many centuries before, hadn't any more sense than to look in upon his father when he was drunk.

But just as this convenient and comfortable curse got into good working order it was killed.

Abraham Lincoln smote it under the fifth rib, and it died the death.

The nation, in deadly peril, called upon our black cousins to aid in its deliverance, and it gave up the ghost. The sons of Ham, inferior as they were in all other respects, were discovered to be able to pull a trigger or push a bayonet with anybody, and to the astonishment of those who stood before them, they had the will to do it. They dared to stand in battle array before the chivalry of the South. We very soon accounted for the daring.

When Lincoln put the musket in the hands of the Southern negroes, it was Greek against Greek, brother against brother. The blood of the old cavaliers, which gave courage and daring to the Beauregards, Lees, Masons, and Hamptons, made cavaliers also of Scipio, Pompey, and Caesar, their half-brothers; and why not? The Federals turned against the Confederates twenty thousand men having the best blood of the South coursing through their veins, and inspiring them to high, chivalrous deeds.

Then the struggle became literally fratricidal. Another thing made these fellows fight. They had treasured up that old saying of Jefferson, and they rejoiced when the firing upon Sumter gave them promise of the glad day when it should be a reality. When they were satisfied that the nation was really divorced from slavery, they flew to arms to prove themselves worthy of the future they hoped for. We must confess that they fought bravely and died grandly.

The swart hero in the death-trap at Petersburg, on the plain at Port Hudson, and in the enclosure at Fort Pillow, showed an example of heroism that any people might be proud of.

The slave who remained on the plantation, who risked life to feed, nurse, and guide the flying fugitive from Andersonville, showed a devotion the like of which the world never witnessed before. We of the South were whipped, and by their aid.

I do not say that we would not have been beaten had they not thrown themselves into the breach, but it was done the easier because of them. They stopped bullets at least. The bullet that let out the life of the negro soldier at Nashville, might, had he not stood in its way, made life-long sadness in your home; and many a son of a Northern mother who came home laurel-crowned, owes his life to the unknown black man who lies in an unhonored grave upon the fields from which he plucked honor.

These poor deluded Canaanites, as we shall term them, believed that they had earned their promotion to a higher rank, and really expected it.

But we know better. Down in Kentucky we held a consultation on this very question. That blessed saint and keen observer of men, Deacon Pogram, remarked sagely, "that men and women was the most ungrateful members of the human family." Said he further on this head, 'The sense of gratitood the Fedrals feel will die out with the peals of the bells which celebrate the victrys the nigger allies helped to win. They endured the nigger because they needed him; but now, thank the Lord, they don't need him no more, and, halleloogy! he'll be the same cussed nigger he alluz wuz." I use the Deacon's exact words.

He was right. The wholesome prejudice against color swallowed up gratitude, and the pride of race swallowed justice. The negro stepped one foot upon the threshold of the Temple of Liberty, but we rudely pushed him back. They wanted not only freedom, but the elective franchise, the ungrateful wretches not being satisfied with what we had given them.

They had been provided for generously. We of the South accepted the situation, and acknowledged their freedom, but we felt that it was necessary that they be regulated. And so we decreed that they should not leave the plantations on which they were employed without passes from their employers, under penalty of being shot on sight.

They should have the right of suing any one—of their own color—if they could give white bail for costs; and here was a privilege—they were to have the unrestricted right of being sued the same as white men. They should not purchase or lease real estate outside of any incorporated city or village; and as large bodies of them were considered dangerous, they should not purchase or lease real estate within any incorporated city or village. As we fixed their wages at four dollars per month, they boarding themselves, these laws relating to the purchase of real estate might seem unnecessary. But we wanted to be on the safe side. And we proposed to give them the ballot in time. Of other men we required no preparation, but we felt it necessary of them. We only required them to pass a creditable examination in Greek, Latin, embroidery, French, German, and double-entry book-keeping, and to facilitate their acquiring these branches we burned all their school-houses.

These regulations were made in Mississippi. In my state of Kentucky it was not necessary to do anything in the matter, for Kentucky did not rebel. We preserved a strict neutrality. That estimable pillar in the Church at the Corners, Elder Gavitt, who has since gone to his reward, remarked that "no one cood be more mootraller than he was." He loyally stayed at home all day, and bushwhacked Federal pickets all night, and after battles he robbed the dead and wounded of both sides impartially. For thus remaining neutral we have been permitted to manage our niggers in our own way.

The curse was by this time abandoned, but the hankering after cheap labor remained. We found at once a new reason for degrading the race—a new theory for keeping them down. We discovered, just in the nick of time, that they were not men at all. And this suited our friends of the North. They had always objected to the theory that the negro was a man, and that he was enslaved because of his inferiority. They murmured to themselves, "If the stronger shall own the weaker, if the intellectually superior shall hold in slavery the intellectually inferior, God help us! We might as well select our masters at once."

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, we felt that all was gone. We felt as grateful as men of our stamp could feel, that our lives were

not forfeit, that we had yet our property, save and except our niggers. But this feeling wore off. Andrew Johnson became suddenly tired of the role of Moses, or rather he changed his Israelites. He led the astonished Africans into the Red Sea, and left them there; and putting himself at the head of the Egyptian pursuers, he pulled them out of the troubled waters they had fallen into. We were not slow to take advantage of this changed condition of affairs. There is a modesty in the Southern character, but it does not crop out very much. We began to talk of our rights; our niggers, and our system. We felt that all was not lost so much as it had been. True, they were free, but had we not Legislatures? Congress, in its wisdom, left them in our hands after all. They could vote by law, and by law some of us could not; but what of law, so long as we had the executing of it? We were admitted to the Georgia legislature, and we at once expelled enough of our black enemies to give us the control of that body. Elsewhere force—the rifle, the pistol, the knife—gave us the control we wanted, and by a liberal use of these peculiarly Southern agencies, the doomed sons of Canaan were practically as far from freedom as ever. They were by law competent to vote in Louisiana, but of what avail to them was that privilege so long as the power was in the hands of our people, who by force controlled one election, that they might use the power thus gained to disfranchise them forever, and reduce them to the old status?

It was necessary to satisfy our friends of the North that we were right in this matter. We had no trouble to do it. Our learned men measured their arms, legs, hands, and skulls, and finding a difference, held it was right and proper that all political rights be denied them. Smelling committees were appointed, who discovered that the nigger was possessed of an odor not perceptible in the white, and forthwith that odor took the entire conservative part of the people by the nose, and led them at its own sweet will. It was not as agreeable as Night-blooming Cereus, and it was decided that therefore he ought not to vote. His color was next critically considered, and in a new light. It was not like ours; and should a man presume to exercise the rights of freemen whose complexion rivalled charcoal? Their heels protruded more than ours, and therefore they must be deprived of all privileges save that of living, and that only by sufferance. This rule we find to be weak in some respects.

The first objection that occurs to me to this method of determining a man's qualifications for the exercise of the great privilege of a freeman is the uncertainty of its application. We will suppose a white man to have arms, legs, and skull, of the average negro shape and measurement; does that unfit him for the ballot? We must admit this if these measurements are to be the test. Or, suppose, from inattention to personal cleanliness, he should carry with him an odor unpleasant to persons of refined sensibilities, would that unfit him? The adoption of this rule would require boards of election to smell of each elector who offered a ballot; and that there might be uniformity in the matter, which is necessary in a republic, the government would be forced to establish a bureau of perfumery.

Ignorance we would urge as a disqualification; but alas! we have a most excellent reason for sailing clear of that. A very large per cent of those who oppose giving the ballot to the negroes, because of their ignorance, put a cross to their names when they sign a promissory note, and accomplish that simple feat with much difficulty and running out of tongue.

Fielding, the great English novelist, gave a most amusing picture of a terror occasioned in a small English village on the coast, by a rumor that the French had landed at a time when the pugnacious Gauls were threatening an invasion of that country. At the grated window of a debtor's prison appears

the face of a person who had been incarcerated for many years for a debt which he could never hope to pay, and whose imprisonment was therefore like to be perpetual. With an expression of the most earnest indignation upon his faded face, he exclaims, from behind the bars, "Zounds! are the French coming to deprive us of our liberties?"

Even so. I must admit that the men who tremble the most for their country, when they contemplate the ignorant negro possessing the ballot, are those who cannot read, and the patriot who sells his vote for a drink of rum, is the identical fellow who talks the loudest of the danger of giving the ballot to a mass of people whose votes can be so easily influenced.

Several other reasons prevented us from making all that we hoped for out of the ignorance of the negroes, particularly of the South. Did we point to the ignorant field hand, and ask triumphantly if such as he was fit to vote? Forthwith our opponents held up, as an offset, the degraded brutes of our Northern cities. Did we point to the vicious negroes? They could and did point to the roughs of New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. And they rather troubled us when they asserted that the ballot in the hands of ignorant white men was just as dangerous as in the hands of ignorant black men; that the ballot, ignorantly or viciously cast, is what hurts us, not the color of the man who casts it. They asserted that he who says "Stand off" to the colored man because he cannot read his ballot, ought to say "Stand off" to the white man equally ignorant. There is no denying this. Were intelligence made the test, it would scarcely be worth while to open polls in half the districts of New York city, and one fourth of our entire strength would fade out like frost under a May sun. Finally we adopted as ground upon which we could stand, the theory that there were many creations instead of one; that Adam was not the Simon pure, original man; that the nigger is a different being altogether from us—a beast, a sort of superior baboon; and being a beast, that we have the right to own and work him, as we have the horse or ox.

The position seemed to many of us impregnable; but it didn't stand a minute. Miscegenation or amalgamation knocked the support out from under us. Up stepped a pert abolitionist, and asked, "What will you do with the mulatto—he who is half man and half beast?"

And here is a difficulty. If we count them as beasts, we do the man that is in them an injustice. If we count them as men, we profane manhood, by elevating with it the lower creation.

And when such a one dies, what then? Does the man half, for whom Christ died, claiming its inheritance in his blood, go into the next world on an equality with us, dragging with it the half that is beast? Or should there be even so slight a preponderance of beast, does the hybrid topple over in a lopsided way into the limbo for departed animals, dragging with it the half that is man? If so, O, my Kentucky friends, how much of Kentucky soil and Kentucky spirit is there in that limbo, held in solution by the animal surroundings into which your gross sensuality has condemned it?

That unmitigated wretch, Joe Bigler, it will be remembered, reproached that old saint, Deacon Pogram, for walloping one of these nearly white negroes who had the Pogram nose. "Deacon," said he, "how kin yoo bear to thrash so much Pogram for the sake of walloping so little nigger?" Another objection to this theory is the fact, that while treating them as beasts in the matter of voting, we treat them very much like men in the matter of tax-paying. I have known men who grew furious at the idea of being jostled at the polls by a negro, do violence to the theory by standing side by side, quietly and without a murmur, with a very black one in the rush to pay taxes at the treas-

urer's office! And during the late unpleasantness, what men of all our people objected to having the name of the blackest and most offensive negro in the township or ward written just before his own on the draft enrolment? That was what hurt us, for during its continuance we heard nothing of that hatred of race. The nigger of 1861, when we didn't want him, softened down wondrously into the "colored man" in 1863, when we did want him. The negro's face, black as it was, looked well to our friends of the North under a blue cap, and he was a very Apollo in their eyes when they wanted their quotas filled. Ours was a white man's government; but we were all wondrous willing that black men should die in our stead.

If I remember aright, I have, in the course of these remarks, referred to the Democracy once or twice. I cannot avoid making mention of their competitors, the Republican party, and here acknowleding the assistance it has been to us. In 1856 that party got hold of an idea that for many years was too large for it. They grasped it by the tail, and they have been trying to manage it from that end ever since until this minute. They never dared to look it in the face. The crusade upon slavery, squarely made years ago by Wendell Phillips, Lovejoy, Garrison, Giddings, and the few terrible agitators who were bent upon turning the world upside down, which they did, was entered into by those who followed them afar off, only when they were compelled to. And how feeble their assent! They endeavored not to pierce its center, its weakest point, but to flank it. They commenced the movement against it by declaring their willingness that it should continue to exist in the States—that the slave-pens under the shadow of the Capitol at Washington, should continue to show forth the beauties of a republican form of government, and that they themselves, free men, should continue to be used as bloodhounds, with United States marshals to set them on, to hunt down the fugitives from bondage. They made haste to announce in advance their determination not to interfere with it where it existed, and they never did till they were compelled to. They frittered away the first two years of the war before they were manly enough to tie themselves to what they believed to be a truth, and permit it to drag them to victory. Forced by circumstances they could not control, they mustered up courage at last to declare the only friends they had in the South free; but what followed? They started in affright at the spectre they raised. The Republican party was brave enough to face the armies of the rebellion, but it was not brave enough to face a prejudice. From the close of the war up to this winter, in the very flush of the victories they had won by the aid of the strong hands of their black allies, they coolly betrayed them. So magnanimous were they, so generous were they to their enemies, that they forgot their friends. They gave us, their late masters, the right to disfranchise them at any time. They gave Southern legislatures the power to reduce them again to serfdom, and even those in the Northern States were denied their rights. How much these foolish people have made by their motion, how much they have of safety, how much of the rights they have earned, how much they have of citizenship, let Memphis, New Orleans, and the Georgia legislature answer. The Republican party lacked the courage, and we knew it would, to follow to its logical conclusion the idea upon which it was based. Too many of its members shuddered at the Nigger as soon as the Nigger was of no use to them. And there is reason for this. It is a soothing thought to too many men that there is somebody lower down in the scale of humanity than themselves. Such men have an uncontrollable desire to look down upon somebody, and hence their desire to keep the negro down, as that is the only portion of the race they can, with any show of truth, claim to be above. And feeling the

danger of his rising above them if let alone, they seek to keep him down by piling upon his head the dead weight of unfriendly legislation. It is a philosophical truth this. The more despicable the man, the more anxious he is to have it understood that somebody is lower still. The most ardent defenders of slavery eight years ago were those who hadn't a particle of interest in it—those who, if negroes had been selling at five cents apiece, could not have raised money enough to have purchased the paring of one's finger nail; and to-day those most bitterly opposed to Nigger suffrage are those whose stolid ignorance and inwrought brutality makes any attempt at further degredation a hopeless task. They can be got lower—by digging a hole.

How shall we dispose of the negro? He was ever a disturbing element in American politics, and ever will be so long as left in the position he has occupied. The curse theory is worthless, and the beast theory leaks like a sieve. If there ever was anything in the curse it has all faded out, and if he is not a man, he is a most excellent imitation. We have abandoned the Nasbyan theory, and have fallen back upon Jefferson. Now that the government is in a transition state, now that we can make of it what we will, suppose that we rebuild upon a safe and sure foundation. Suppose we overhaul the laws of the country, and strike the word "white," leaving standing alone the all-sufficient word man. We are trying now the experiment of being a genuine republic. Suppose that there may be no longer a dispute upon this head, that we insist upon incorporating into the Constitution—the supreme law of the land—the Jeffersonian declaration, that all men are equal. I want, and insist upon it, that the Declaration of Independence shall be no longer a "glittering generality," as that meanest of all mean things God ever created, a Massachusetts pro-slavery man, once said, but a living, robust truth, possessed of as much vitality as any other truth which has blessed the world.

What stands in the way? Prejudice! Only this, and nothing more, and that may be overcome. New England did it, and New York, years ago, took one step in that direction. In New York, the negro who owns a mule worth two hundred and fifty dollars, votes, no matter what his other qualifications may be, while he who lacks that, does not, no matter how well he is fitted for the exercise of the right in other respects. This is not well, but it is something. By this rule the mule votes, not the man; and the late election in that state shows the mules to have been largely in the majority.

Until this principle is adopted our republic is no republic, and our boasted freedom is a hollow sham. We must have no more of this inequality. We must have all men before the law equal. We must not leave the rights of a single citizen in the hands of timid legislatures, interested oligarchies, and ex-slaveholders. The rights of the negro must be secured by law, above the reach of ex-slaveholders; men who, to live a life of luxurious idleness, would garrote the Goddess of Liberty for the white robes she wears. We must not only make him free in name, but in reality, and must give him that potent weapon, the ballot, that he may maintain and defend his freedom. I want all distinctions based upon color wiped out in all the states. I want all the roots of this bitterness eradicated. I want the great principle upon which a republic should be founded incorporated into the Constitution. If, now that it can be done, we do less than this, we are cowards and faithless men.

I want them to have all the privileges enjoyed by other classes. "Do you want niggers in office?" shudderingly asks the member of Congress, who sees in his mind's eye one sitting beside him. I answer, "Certainly, if the people desire it, not otherwise;" and they are a part of the people. I have no par

ticular care in the matter; I only insist that they shall be eligible. Whether they are elected to official position or not, is something that is entirely within your control. If you return a man a horse that is his, it does not follow that you must give him also silver-plated harness and a carriage. If you pay a debt, it does not follow that you must likewise marry into the family of your creditor. You have in this city an overwhelming majority of whites—it is for you to choose. Where they have a majority, I presume they will do as we have done—elect men of their own race; and I should advise them to. But there is no law to compel you to elect black men or men of any other color, to official position. You have a right to vote for whom you please. I am not certain but that the good of the public would be subserved by substituting some negroes I know of for some white officials. For instance, were I a citizen of New York, I would most gladly exchange John Morrisey for Frederick Douglass, and rather than spoil the trade, I would throw in Fernando Wood and his brother Ben, and esteem the bargain a most excellent one at that. But our conservative friends do not see it. "My God!" said one of them, with horror in his countenance, "think of my bein tried afore a nigger jury for hoss-stealin!"

The people elect, or ought to elect, men to office to serve them. If you desire whitewashing done, do you look at the color of the artist to whom you intrust the purifying of your walls and ceilings? No; you select the man who has the most skill. Why not so in official positions? If you have among you negroes who have ability superior to the whites, if you have those who can better fill the offices, you as tax-payers, do yourselves gross injustice by not electing them. It does not follow that you must therefore take them to your bosoms as social equals. You have, under the Constitution of the United States, the blessed privilege of choosing your own associations. We do not care to associate with all white men, but all white men vote nevertheless.

I would not make them superior to the white. I would do nothing more for them than I would for other men. But I would not prevent them from doing for themselves. I would tear down all bars to their advancement. I would let them make of themselves all that they may. In a republic there should be no avenue to honor or well-doing closed to any man. If they outstrip me in the race, it proves them to be more worthy, and they are clearly entitled to the advantages resulting. There is no reason for this inequality. Knowing how deep the prejudice is against the race, knowing how low down in our very natures its roots have struck, I demand, in our renewed and purified republic, the abrogation of all laws discriminating against them. I demand for them full equality with us before the law. Come what may, let it lead to what it will, this demand I make. I make it as a worshipper of true Democracy; as one who believes in the divine right of man—not white man, red man, or black man, but man, to self-government. I make it as one who will be free himself; and that he may be free himself, would have all others free. I demand it, not as a gracious gift to the colored man of something we might, if expedient, withhold, not as a right he has earned by service done, but humbly, and with shame in my face at the wrong we have done, I would give it to him as returning a right that was always his; a right to which he has a patent from God Almighty; a right that we had taken from him by brute force, and the taking of which by us was almost the unpardonable sin. I demand it, for until it is done our boasted freedom is a sham, and our pretence of republicanism a miserable lie. I demand it, for I would have no privileged classes in this government, for fear that some day my children may by force be deprived of the rights I enjoy by a class arrogating to themselves superiority. I demand it, because I believe governments were instituted on earth for the protection of the weak

against the strong, and that in a republic the ballot is the weak man's only protection. I demand it, because we cannot afford to give the lie to our professions; because we cannot afford to say to the world one thing and do another.

What shall we do with the negro? Do by him what enlightened Christianity commands us to do to all. Let us square our action in this, as in all other matters, by that sublime precept, "Do unto others as ye would have others do unto you."

Casting behind us, as unworthy of a moment's serious consideration, the miserable sophistries of the false teachers who have well nigh ruined the republic, let us dare to do right. Let us declare and crystalize our declaration into unchangeable laws, that under the flag all men shall be men. Let us build an altar, the foundation of which shall be reason, the topstone Justice, and laying theron our prejudices, let them be consumed in the steady, pure flame of Humanity. The smell of that sacrifice will be a sweeter savor to the Father of all races than any since Abel's. Let us raise ourselves from the low, dead, flat plane of self-interest, and demonstrate our strength, not by trampling upon the defenceless heads of those weaker and lower than ourselves, but by lifting them up to us. And then, when the flag has under its shadow only free men, when all men are recognized as men, we can look the world in the face, and repeat without a blush that grand old Declaration, that Magna Charta of human rights, that Evangel of Humanity: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

NASBY AS A BANKER.

THE CORNERS DECIDE FOR INFLATION--THE UNLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE COMPANY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
Sept. 23d, 1875.

The Corners hev red the speeches uv Honest Ole Bill Allen and that other gileless patriot, General Samyooel Cary, uv Ohio, ez well ez the Pennsylvany platform, on the momenchus subjick uv More Money, till they hev bin worked up to a state uv absloot madnis. The Corners are jist the same ez all other impocoonius people—they want More Money, and the idee uv Honest Bill Allen, that, to git it, all yoo hed to do wuz to ishoo it, filled our idees uv finanse eggsackly. It's simple and eziy understood.

I determined to put the idee into practice, and to that end sejested to my friends the organizashen uv a Bunk uv ishoo, under the name and title uv "The Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company uv Confedrit X Roads."

I hed some trouble to git the citizens into it, but I finelly succeeded. I explained to the people that more money wood be an advantage to the debtor class, wich, ez nine-tenths uv em is in debt to Bascom, the grosery keeper, sentled em. They hailed with joy any movement that wood wipe out their scores and give em new credit at his bar.

To Bascom, and them ez I intended to hev in the management, I showed that more money meant increased trade, and ez the money woodent cost anything but the printin we coodent lose anything. So the Bank wuz started. I wuz made President, Issaker Gavitt, Cashier; Bascom, Vice-President; with a Board uv Directors consistin of ourselves, with Kernel McPelter, and the venerable Deekin Pogran. We put the Deekin on becoz he is bald-headed, and therefore respectable. His biznis is to sit in the front window reedin an inflashen paper. It inspires confidence. Yoo have to watch him to keep him from hevin the paper upside down, but in this community that don't matter, ez very few know the difference more'n he does. Our bankin room is loktatid immejitly under the printin-offis, so we kin let the printed notes which we ishoo down to the President's desk by a rope. This saves labor, wich is a great pint in a instooshen like ours.

The theory on wich our paper is ishood is very simple. The Company ishoo it and the people take it. We hev no time fixed for redempshun, for the beauty uv the biznis is that we don't never intend to redeem. Our notes reeds:—

"The Onlimited Trust and Confidtnce Company uv Confedrit X Roads (wich is in the State uv Kentucky) promises to pay the bearer One Dollar."

We don't say when, where, or how it is to be redeemed, and therein is the strength uv the enterprise.

Our first ishoo wuz reseeved with some hesitashen.

"Where is our secoority?" demanded one farmer to whom we offered it in payment for a load uv wheat.

"Faith in the Company!" I ansered, lookin at him pityinly. "Gaze onto that face," I resomed, pintin at Deekin Pogram, who ruther spiled the effeck by brushin off a fly that hed lted on his nose; "Look at that face and then ask for secoority."

"When is it to be redeemed?" askt another.

"It never wants to be redeemed," wuz my anser. "We shel be libral, and when a note wears out we will give yoo another. Wat do you want it redeemed fur? Money ishood on faith needs no redempshun. We buy yoor prodoose with it—you yoose it to buy yoor goods, and so it goes round and round in a cirkle, dispensin blessins wherever it lites. Ez long ez you take it, wat do yoo want uv anything else?"

Another remarkt that it wuz his idee that paper money wuz ail to be redeemed in gold.

"Gold," I promptly replied, "is played out. Gold is merchandise. Our Democratic brethren in Ohio hev desided that money is simply promises to pay, and that it don't matter on wat material that promise is stampt—whether gold, silver, iron, shells, or copper. We shel put ourn on paper, coz it's the cheapest. We shel hev no extravagance about this bank."

Pollock, the Illinoy disturber, in the most brootal manner, refoozed to tech it, and consekently his biznis suffered. One shoemaker from Ohio followed soot and undertook to argoo agin so much money. He asserted the heresy that addin to the volum uv currency didn't add nothin to its power. Sed he:

"I will illustrate so the Corners will comprehend. Yoo take a gallon uv whiskey and add to it three gallons uv water. Well, yoo hev four gallons in the barl, but there ain't but wun gallon uv square drunk in it, after all."

I ansered him by readin copious extrax from Cary's speeches, showin that troo prosperity goes hand in hand with plenty uv money.

They finely wuz convinst and took our money for their grain, tho we hed to pay them at the beginin twenty cents a bushel more for this wheat than other money wood hev got it for. But we didn't care, for we knew we cood make all uv it we wanted.

It wuz astonishin wat a era uv prosperity set in on the Corners to wunst. Money became ez plenty ez blackberries, and everybody hed their pockets full uv it. Land went up in valyoo two hundred per-cent. in a week, and the price uv the nessaries uv life raised ekally. Bascom put up his new whiskey from 5 to 25 cents per drink, and sich wuz the run uv trade he hed that his wife and his oldest son, Jefferson Davis Bascom, both hed to stand in the bar to wait on customers. The bank bought all the wheat and other produkshuns, and paid for 'em in its own money, and we paid sich prices ez happened, for money wuz with us no objeck. The high prices brot all the trade for twenty miles around to the Corners, and all the dealers who wood take the money, stood up to their middles in it.

Then my turn come. Pintin to the crowds uv people in Bascom's, I sed to the doubter:

"Wuz trade ez brisk ez that afore inflashun?"

Improvements are bein projected every day. We hev organized a company

to build a branch road from here to Secessionville, another over to Bloody Fork, and still another to Little Andersonville. Five turnpike companies hev bin organized, and three factries hev bin actooally commenced. The water power on the Run jist above the village is to be improved to wunst, and Bascom is alreddy at work on a wing to the back part of the grocery. Town lots are doublin in valyoo every day, and new addishuns are bein perpetyooally laid out. Everybody is spekelatin, and everybody is gettin rich. There is flush times here. The people are all inflashionists.

I am President uv all these companies, and I see no reason why I can't put em through. It is troo the price of everything hez gone up. The commonest nigger labor is now up to $8 a day, and a pair uv pegged boots is wuth $20, but wat difference does that make? So long ez Simpkins, the printer, kin work his press, we kin manufackter all the money we want; and ez long ez we kin manufackter money, there must be prosperity.

Pollock and Joe Bigler we hed to git red uv, for they wuz prejoodissen the people agin us. Pollock's stock uv goods, and his store wuz wuth, in the old times, before the era uv inflashun, about a thousand dollars, and Bascom and me and Deekin Pogram went to him and offered him that sum for his property.

"Things hez raised," sed he, "and I won't sell for less than $2,500."

We promptly accepted that price, and I sent a boy back to the bank with a bushel basket to bring the money. When it came Pollock refoosed to take it.

"I want greenbax," sed he.

"Our money is jest ez good," sez I.

"I know it," sez he, "but I hev a prejoodis for other money."

There wuz a crowd about, and it wood never do to acknowledge that any money wuz better'n ours. I took Bascom one side.

"G. W.," sez I, "here is a golden oppontunity to do two things. First we git rid uv a disturber, and second we give confidence in our ishoos. Rake up greenbax and pay him in em."

G. W. consented, and it wuz done in the presence uv the people.

"Yoo see," sed I, "my friends, that we'd jest as soon pay greenbax ez our own money."

The crowd wuz re-ashoored and took our bills ez readily ez ever. Pollock and Bigler gave up the property, but they didn't leave the village. On the contrary, they went to the tavern to board and jeered at us wuss than ever. They sed they hed made more money by this transackshen than they hed ever made in the Corners since they hed landed there.

Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPelter and Issaker Gavitt hev all paid off mortgages on their farms, and I hev bot a farm and am gettin up plans for a manshun befittin my new position. I am happy and contented. I hev struck my gait. Bank Presidentin suits me—I wuz born for it. Ef I wuz relijusly inclined I shood pray for Willyum Allen until I had corns on both knees.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.
President of the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—There's a triflin, but still em barrassin, trouble okkurred. The unprecedented run on Bascom in consekence uv the plentifulness uv money exhausted his stock uv likkers yesterday, and he sent to Loolsville for more. The likker merchants uv that mersenary city, ez a mere matter uv form, generally require Bascom to pay for goods afore they ship em, to avoid mistakes. He sent on a thousand dollars uv our money, and they refoozed to take it! Ez he paid all the greenbax he hed to Pollock, he can't get supplies, and

the Corners is parched. Wat to do we don't know. We don't see why our money shoodent go in Loolsville.

It will take two weeks to ship enough grain to Louisville to exchange for the likker, and then comes another terrible quondary. Bascom demands the grain uv the Bank and wants to pay for it in the Bank's ishoos! And he insits on hevin it at wat its wuth in Loolsville in greenbax! Finanseerin aint the easiest biznis in the world. Our money startid well enuff on the cirkle, but there seems to be a break in it. Eff we let Bascom hev that grain and take our own money for it, were is our profits? Eff we don't let him hev the grain the Corners will die uv drouth! And ef he gits it our money must be taken for it, for it's all he's got. I cood cut the Gorjen knot by failin, but then the wheat wood be attached. I shell hold on and see wat a week will bring forth. Providence never deserted me yet.

P. V. N.

THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE UNLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE CO.—ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State of Kentucky,)
Sept. 30, 1875.

Eff life ever wuz a rose tinted dream to me at any time doorin my mortle pilgrimage, this is the precise time. I am thoroly happy—so happy, indeed that the privashens and troubles that I hev been thro are fadin out uv my memory entirely. I hev paid Bascom's account wich hez bin runnin for so many years, and hev his receet in my safe—my safe, I say. Proudly I write them words. My safe! Who—thirty days ago wood hev supposed, that I should ever say my safe! Then I hev two soots uv cloze—good ones—wich is one and a half more than I hev hed sence I was Postmaster under Johnson—Heaven rest his sole—I hev two shirts for the first time in my life, and I am wearin stockins! I hev but one pare ez yet, but one can't rise to the summit uv hooman grandjer at wun bound. I shel buy another pare in a week or two. I think every Bank President ought to either hev two pare uv stockins or return to the stern virchoos uv the Republic in its better days, and go barefoot. Goin barefot or hevin a change, is necessary to the keepin uv a Bank President's office in a sweet smellin condition.

But this a disgreshen. Suffice it to say, I am clothed. I pade three dollars and a half a pare for them stockins—they is cotton—wich is three dollars and a quarter more than they wuz worth in the old money, but what difference does it make? That three dollars and a half wuz made by four pulls on Simpson's printin press, and when money kin be made in that way wat difference does it make wat I pay for cotton sox?

At the beginning we ishooed 10, 20, 25 and 50 cent currency, but we hev quit that. Prices hev gone up so, under the general prosperity, that there aint anything in the Corners that sells for less than a dollar, and the frackshnel currency wuz desided to be yoosless. Besides, it costs jest ez much to print a ten cent note ez it does a dollar, and we bleeve in economizin.

Simpson, the printer, is makin us a little trouble. At the beginnin I yoosed to pay him for printin our bills by jest signin enuff uv em ez they come from the press to make his amount, but lately he hez refoosed to take our money, and insists on greenbax. We tried to overawe him, but when he threatened to publish the finanshel condishun uv the President and Direktors, it wuz considered advisable to humor him. It is singler that sich men throw impediments in the way uv progress.

The obstacles in the way uv the Bank that hev thus far developed themselves, hev bin happily and easily removed. Bascom demanded wheat uv us to ship to Looisville to git more whiskey, and we hed to let him hev it, and take pay in our own money. And ez he demanded that we take our own money jest the same ez greenbax, that bein the standard in Looisville, we met a heavy loss. The account stands ez follows:

1,000 bushels uv wheat cost us in our own money, at $4.50 per bushel	$4,500.00
Sold it to Bascom at Looisville greenbax prices, wich is $1 per bushel, takin pay in the same money we hed paid for it	1,000.00
Loss (wich is easily figgered)	$3,500.00

We hed one more trouble, wich we got on easier with. Pugsby, the shoemaker, who took our money, run out uv leather, and when he sent to Loouisville for more, the merchants there, ez in the case uv Bascom, refoozed to take our currency. Pugsby knowd uv Bascom's experience and he came up smilin to hev us sell him wheat enuff at greenbax prices to renoo his stock.

"Wat kin we do?" I demanded in dire distress, for really I didn't see why Pugsby shoodent hev wheat to renoo his stock ez well ez Bascom, ceptin that whiskey is more necessary to the Corners than leather.

"Do!" sed Issaker Gavitt, with a expreshun uv skorn on his classick feechers. "Do! and yoo claim to be finanseers! Hez Pugsby a safe? No? Well, wher does he keep the $12,000 uv our money? In his desk? Yes? And that is wooden? And his bildin is wood? Very good. Tell Pugsby to come to-morrer and we will give him wheat at a dollar a bushel for all uv our money he hez got. We hev twenty-four hours, and banks, ez well as nashens, kin be saved in twenty-four hours."

And Issaker put some matches in his vest pocket—about $3 worth. Matches hez gone up $4.50 a box—our money.

That nite Pugsby's shop burnt up and the fire broke out jist under his desk. The next mornin that unforchnit man came to us and insisted on hevin the wheat on the score uv the money he hed uv ours.

"Bring us the money," said Issaker, beamin sweetly onto him, "and we'll give yoo all the wheat you want."

"But yoo know that I hed yoor money, and that it wuz burnt up last nite."

"I persoom you hed some uv our money, but I dont know it," replied Issaker. "No well regulated bank kin live if they shood take every man's word, ez you want us to. How kin I tell but wat yoo hev that money concealed, and that the burnin of your shop was a skeem to defrod yoor creditors? I am not shoor that it isn't my dooty to investigate the matter."

And Issaker looked so stern that Pugsby left the bank with a howl of terror.

Issaker is developin so great a genius in financeerin that I'm reely jealus uv him. He is the master-spirit of the institooshun.

At the Board meetin last nite we discust wat we shood do in sich cases ez Pugsby's hereafter, but arrived at no definit concloosshun. There is several uv em, and they will hev to be met. Issaker bleeves in the style uv treatment he yoosed in Pugsby's case, but I can't consent to it. Its heroic, I admit, and good enuff for a temprary expedient, but it won't do for a reglar system. Ef our money stimoolates a man's biznis to the pint of his bildin a new house, we hev benefitted him, and the commoonity ez well. But ef to avoid the inconveience uv redeemin that money we hev to burn the house, wat good hev we accomplished? None. We hev got to find some other way. I don't see any

other way, but no doubt it will sejest itself to me in time.

It is aston shin how the Corners is boomin, now that it hez money enuff Five new ralerodes are bein built, twenty new turnpikes, one hundred and twenty-eight cellers for new houses is bein dug, and last week the corner-stuns for eight factrys wuz lade with approprit ceremonies. The gradin is bein dun on the ralerodes and turnpikes, and that part uv the work will be pushed to an early compleshun, for the labrers furnish their own shovels and picks and take our money for wages. The labrers buy their livin uv the farmers along the line with that money, and then the farmers come to the Corners with it, and cheer their soles at Buscom's.

So far, all is serene and sweet. So far the money sheds blessins ez a skunk does perfoom. But at this pint comes worry. Wat is Buscom to do with it? The Looisville merchants refooz to tech it for likker, and we can't afford to give him wheat at Looisville prices agin. We wood bild a distillery, but, alas! we can't pay for the nails, the glass and the stillin apparatus in our money, and we ain't got any other. But, thanks to an overrulin Providence, Buscom hez enuff likker to last two weeks, and suthin will turn up afore that is gone.

Prices hev gone up so that it takes a vast volume uv currency to transact the biznis uv the Corners. Simpson's hand-press won't anser the demands made onto it, and he hez purchased a power-press, wich will print 1,000 sheets an hour. And to facilitate biznis, and to make it perfectly shoor that we shell hev all the currency we want, I hev hed my name and Issaker's engraved, so that it kin be printed in, thus saving us the trouble uv signin em with a pen.

Prices uv things is still mountin up, and general prosperity prevails. Pugsby gits $40 a pare now for pegged boots a great deal eazier that he yoost to git $4, and Buscom hez put drinks up to 50 cents for new whiskey, and 75 when you take sugar in it. Lots in the corporashun hez quadrooplied in valyoo within the week, and reel estate is changin hands lively. I cood wish, however, that the ishoos uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company cood hev a wider circulashen. I took a brief vacashun this week, wuz at the Gamber Salt Springs, and wuz beaten out uv $200 at cut-throat loo. The gamblers refoozed to take my money, and I was compelled to leave my watch with em; that is, Captain McPeter's watch, wich I hed borrowed, to make an imposin appearance. But it wuz all the same to me, ez I paid him for it in our own currency. I wuz sorry to lose it, for I had depended on that watch to help us out when we got into a very tite place.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—Another trouble is loomin up on the horizon. Perkins, the blacksmith, is out uv iron, and Sampsell, the carpenter, hez to hev a jack-plain and two augers, all uv wich hez to be got in Looisville, and they demand uv us sich money ez Looisville will take. Then another mortifyin circumstance happened yesterday. The Directers uv the Bank hed determined to lay the corner stun uv our new bankin edifis, wich we hev commenst, but after announsin the ceremony we coodent lay it. A bigger rope than any in the Corners, wuz nessary to lift the massive stun to its place, (we hed it massive ez an emblen uv our solidity.) but we coodent rake up enuff currency that they'd take in Looisville to buy one. So that corner stun ain't laid, and the work on the buildin, I spose, will hev to stop till we kin turn up suthin. Ther's a crisis approachin.

P. V. N.

THE PROGRESS OF INFLATION—THE TROUBLE THAT PERKINS STARTED—THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE GREAT IDEA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
Oct. 5, 1875.

I hev hed trouble enuff with the unenlitened people uv these Corners, for the past week, to nearly drive me mad. Indeed, I shood hev bin in a loonatic asylum ere this, hed I not bin sustained and soothed by an onlimited faith in the correctnis uv the doctrines uv the Ohio Dimocrisy, ez regards money. And feelin that I wuz assistin, in my humble way, in puttin them doctrines into practis, I determined not to go mad, but to persevere even unto the end.

But the perverse people are doin ther level best to drive me crazy, and I am not shoor that they won't succeed. I bought a pare uv horses uv one uv em for $8,000, and paid him in our own money. He thot he'd rather not tech it.

"When will this be redeemed?" he askt, innocently.

"Any time you want it," I replied.

"In wat?" he retorted.

"In other notes onto the same bank," sez I.

"And how will yooredeem them notes?" sez he.

"In jist the same way," sez I.

"Then all ther is uv it," sez he, "yoo go on takin up one note by givin another, and all uv em without interest nor nothin."

"That's it eggsackly," sed I. "Yoo see, cant yoo, or are yoo an ijeot? that money means faith. Now ef the proud finanshel instooshin in wich I am the hed, ishoos its note, yoo must hev faith that it will pay, and so long ez yoo hev that faith, and everybody else hez that faith, so that they take it for money, yoo never want the money on it. So long ez money is taken, yoo don't want it redeemed, for it is good enuff, yoo see! Our money is made good by faith—and ez long ez it is sustaned by faith it will go. When the notes yoo hev now wears out, come to us and we will redeem em with new ones. But everybody must hev faith. Cant yoo see it? Everybody must hev faith! Faith in the ishoos uv this bank uv ourn is nessary to its success and stability. Faith in our money is, ez it is in Religion, the substance uv things hoped for, and the evidence uv things not seen, only more so. Wait till I git $8,000 from the printin offis, and take em for yoor hosses, and go yoor way. Hev faith."

Perkins, that wuz the farmer's name, took the money and went his way, ponderin ez he went. He walked down to Bascom's with deep lines uv thot onto his face, wich resolved itself into a expreshun uv stern determinashen ez he went in.

"Kin yoo sell me a barl uv whisky to-day—a entire barl?"

"Certainly," sed G. W., smilingly, "certainly, Mr. Perkins. It's only worth $40 a gallon, or $1,680 per barl this mornin."

"I take a barl," sed Perkins.

"All rite," wuz G. W.'s response. "I'd ez soon sell a barl to-wunst ez by the single drink."

So G. W. and his wife, and his oldest son Jefferson Davis, rolled a barl up into Perkinses wagon, and Perkins remarkt that he wanted to pay for that liker on the spot. Bascom smiled pleasantly. There wuz nothin so pleasant,

Perkins continyood, ez payin for things wen yoo get em, ez it saves book-keepin and vexashus troubles uv all kinds.

"Give me pen, ink and paper, G. W.," sed this Perkins.

Nonplushed, Bascom did so mechanically, and Perkins ran his tongue out, ez people do in the Corners when they attempt writin, and after thirty minits uv intense labor, with swet a rollin from his brow fearful, he handed Bascom this dockeyment:

Confedrit X Roads, Sept. 1, 1875.

I promise to pay G. W. Bascom sixteen hundred and eighty dollars.

JEHIAL PERKINS.

"Wats this?" askt the astonished Bascom, with an expreshen uv intense disgust usurpin the place uv the smile.

"Pay for that likker," replied Perkins, calm ez a Joon mornin.

"But this ain't pay—it's yoor promise to pay, and yoo ain't got time nor place fixed for payment—yoo ain't got no interest exprest, nor nothin. Wen do you perpose to pay it?"

"Never, G. W., never. Under the noo dispensashen, promises to pay is money. All you want in faith. So long ez yoo bleeve that that paper is money, wat do yoo want uv money? With faith enuff that paper is money, I hev bin figgerin this matter out in my intellek ever sense I hev bin takin yoor bank money. It's all the same. Ef I have faith in yoor money yoo must hev faith in mine. Wen this note wears out come to me and I will write yoo a new one. And don't keep it too long—I shel take pleasure in writin yoo notes often, so that they will alluz be new and pleasant to look at. How pleasant it is, Bascom, to pay ez yoo go! How much better I feel to pay on the nale, and how much better yoo must feel to hev yoor cash wen yoo deliver yoor goods."

And Perkins drove off with the likker, lite-hearted, leavin Bascom dumfounded in the door uv the grosery, gaspin with astonishment and blind with rage.

Perkins didn't stop with a barl uv likker. He bot a pare uv pegged boots for $80, and pade for em in the same way, and a kag uv nails, and two soots uv cloze, and calico dresses for his wife and dawters, and a box uv paper collars, and a neck-tie, things he hed never dreemed uv hevin before, and he got so eggscited at his success in finanseerin that hel went home ez drunk es a biled owl.

But the misery uv all this is, every cuss within five miles, seein Perkinses success, is doin the same thing, and a nimmense volyoom uv wat I may call indivijjle currency is afloat. And they is seriously thretnin to vote to hev the corprashen take the stuff for taxes! The idee uv takin money for taxes that aint printed, and that heznt got no President and Casheer and Board uv Direkters! There is such a thing ez carrying this thing too fur.

But prosperity continoos her stimulatin rain. We ishood thirty thousand dollars uv our money last week, and the benefishle effeck is visible. Wheat is now $12 a bushel, likker $1 a drink plain, and $1.50 to them ez take sugar in therein, pegged boots is $80, cotton sox $4, and town lots—well, any price that one chooses to ask for em. The diggin uv cellars is goin on satisfactorily ez is evrything else that we kin pay for in our own money. But I tremble with apprehensions. Wat will happen when they come to want the lumber and nales, and glass, and other things wich hev to come from Loolsville? That's the gost that haunts me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—The most wonderful effeck uv inflashen wuz showd this mornin on

Deekin Pogram. The old saint made his appearance at the bank in a noo soot uv cloze wich Mirandy, his dawter, got for him. The old man tried to keep up under it, but finelly broke down. He refoozed to stay in his seet unless we'd take off the coat, pull off his boots, and "them d——d stockins," ez he expressed it, and drip some tobacker joose over his buzm. He swore that he ruther resine his posishen than to wear boots and stockins in the summer time, and ez for paper collars he'd wear none uv em. He wood hev gone insane ef we hedn't stript him and got him back to his normel style. Wat a difference there is in men! Now I took to stockins when I got to be President uv this bank ez naterally ez tho I hed alluz wore em. But I hev moved in better society than the Deekin hez. He is trooly a child uv Nacher.

P. V. N.

FURTHER INELATION—FOUR NEW BANKS—AND FINALLY EVERY MAN HIS OWN BANKER.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
October 12, 1875.

The man wich undertakes to benefit his fellows loads up a very heavy contrack. Half the citizens uv the Corners are a-goin back in the most ongratefol manner onto the Onlimited Confidence and Trust Company. They are a gettin $19 a bushel for wheat, and about the same for oats and corn, and men now talk uv thousands wich never before knowd how to pronounce the word, but yet they ain't happy. They hev a hankerin after redempshun uv some sort—they demand to know when this money of ourn is again to be redeemed in sutthin else—some other kind uv money—ez tho our money, backed by faith, wuznt ez good ez any in the world. Ef these malcontents wood only take it and look pleasant, there woodent be any trouble about it.

But these men are not the worst we hev to contend with. The citizens wich are the stanchest supporters uv the noo money hev determined that, ef we hev the rite to ishoo money, they hev the same rite. And so four noo banks hev bin started this week.

Mackey and Burns started one, with Mackey ez President and Burns ez Cashier, with them and a nigger carpenter ez the Board of Direkters. They hev got the drop on us by requirin the officers to give bonds, wich they accomplished by hevin Mackey sign Burns', Burns sign Mackey's, and both sign the nigger carpenter's. Then they hev another advantage over us, for they bought their own press and print their own notes, wich, ez we hev to pay Simpson, the printer, a profit, enables em to make money cheeper than we kin. They call their institooshun "The Nashnel Benefit Assoshashen," and hev their bankin offis in Mackey's bed-room in the Pogram House.

Scarsely wuz this bank histin out money afore Squire Pettus and Gedney the shoemaker started another wich they called "The Blessin Diffusin Bank uv North Ameriky," with the offis in Gedney's shoe shop, and they got ahead uv us by printin their notes in two colors, wich, I must say, gives em a solvent look.

By this time wheat went up to $25 a bushel, and scase at that.

Then Parkins and Barney, the plasterers, who hed made a great deal uv money since inflashen set in, they hed to start a bank, wich they called "The Ekitable and Insashable Bankin Company uv the Yoonited States," and they shood their bills by the bushel.

Wheat went up immejitly to $38 per bushel, and a noo era uv prosperity sot in,

Before these finanseers hed got fairly under way, Butts and Busterd conclooded they'd go into bankin, and beho'd one mornin the bills uv the "Labor Skimyoolatin Company—I. Butts, Pres dent"—made their appearance. They didn't hev any offis, for Butts sed he didnt see no yoose uv an offis. He cood pay out money on the street all he wanted to ef the people wood take it, and ez it never wuznt a goin to be redeemed, wat did he want uv an offis? He wuznt a goin to any sich expense, for he bleeved in economizin. To go to yoose-lis expenses wuz to show a culpable disregard uv the interests uv the people.

Wheat went up to $45 per bushel, and there wuz more prosperity.

Then trouble set in in chunks. The people who wuz not interested in bankin refoozed, plnt blank, to take any uv their ishoos. Banks wuz a gettin rather too frekent. A reackshen okkured agin our money wich we who wuz interested determined to crush to-wunst.

The offishls uv the five banks in the town met and decided to hold a meetin uv the citizens, at wich steps shood be taken to legalize our ishoos.

The meetin wuz held, and uv course we kerried it without any trouble, for seven-tenths uv em hed our money in their pockets, and they wuz very favorable to any ackshen that wood keep it a bilin. To that end we past the follemin resoloosheus:

"Wareas, The Democrisy uv Ohio and Pennsylvany, with a singlérly just appreshiashen uv the wants uv the citizens uv the Cross Roads, hev demanded more money, and

"Waras, Five compinies hev kerried out the idee uv the Democrisy uv Ohio and Pennsylvany by furnishin the people more money, and

"Wareas, Notwithstandin the onparalleled prosperity that hez resulted from the increase in currency, certin men in th commoonity, by refoozing to take it, decline to be benefited; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this meetin uv citizens demand uv the Town Council that it to-wunst convene and pass an ordnance makin the ishoos uv the five banks legal tender for everything from drinks down to taxes, and that any citizen who refoozes to take it, or murmurs at it, or in any way discredits it, shel be held ez a public enemy and be immejitly hung."

The wareases and the resolooshen wuz passed to-wunst, and I felt easier. With the power to hang all wich refooze to take our money, I rather think I kin make it current. A rope over the limb uv a tree is a persuader of rare merit, and it is the best endorsement uv our paper that we kin possibly hev.

So far so good. But jist ez I wuz feelin good over my success, that unmitigated cuss, Jehial Perkins, the man wat give his note to Bascom for a barl uv whisky with sich distinguished success, rose and sed he hed a series of wareases and a reolooshen to pass. He went on to say that th hed given this question of finance a great deal uv study. He endorsed fully the posishen uv the Dimocrisy uv Ohio and Pennsylvany. He bleeved in more money—money enuff for everybody. He pinted with pride to th development uv the Corners since the creashun uv more money, and he bleeved that still more money would make still more prosperity. The idee wuz correct. The Government shood ishoo promises to pay and faith shood make em good, without any sich nonsense ez redeemin; and if the Government shood do it why shoodnt banks; if banks why not indivijiles? That's what he wanted to know. Ef ther wuz any sich thing ez redeemin uv it in gold or anything else the people mite hev the rite to ask if them ez ishoo the money hed gold or anything else to redeem em with, but ez ther ain't no redeemin perposed why that question dont come in. The people hev to hev faith, and that's all the hevin ther is in the transackshen. He wuz a bleever in more money and he perposed to hev more money, and he bleeved that them ez hed the greatest need for money shood hev the privilege uv

ishooin it, and so long ez the people took it from each other it ansered all the perposes uv money. Therefore he perposed the yoonanimus adopshun uv the followin whereases and resolooshen:

"Wareas, Ef yoo hev a good thing yoo can't hev too much uv it; and

"Wareas, The increase uv currency in the Corners hez bin productive uv prosperity sich ez we never dreemed uv; and

"Wareas, It is the dooty uv all earthly guvernments to diffoose its blessins ekally, therby imitatin the doos of heaven, wich falls alike on the just and onjust; and

"Wareas, The manufakter uv money shood not be confined to the few, but shood be the privilege uv the many; and

"Wareas, We rekognize the justis and propriety uv compellin the people to take sich money ez may be ishood; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That every man may ishoo his notes uv hand, in sich sums ez may soot his interest or convenience, and that sich notes shed be legal tender fur everything, the same ez notes ishood by our five bankin institooshuns."

And the d—d ideots abslootly passed the resolooshen without a minit's delay, and they demanded that the Council meet that very nite and pass the ordinance, wich it did.

Ez every man uv em commenst writin notes to wunst, and buyin all sorts uv things with em, we're liable to hev enuff money at the Corners immejitly—ez much ez our brethren in Ohio and Pennsylvany wood desire, even.

Everything in the shape uv labor hez bin abandoned, for everybody hez gone into the manufakter uv currency, that is, everybody who kin write. Thank Heaven that they never favored skools here—the inability to shed ink is the only limit to our inflashen.

One singler result hez followed this ordinance, viz: Nobody hez nothin to sell. I went into a shoe store yesterday, thinkin to treat myself to a pare of boots, but the dealer hadn't any to sell.

"But I see a hundred pare on the shelves," sed I.

"They hev all bin bought by people over in the next county," sed this villin; "they wuz bought for gold. Possibly ef yoo hed gold I cood get one uv em to sell you a pare hisself."

And he sed suthin about bringing a horse to water; but yoo coodent make him drink.

It is plain to me that more legislashun is a goin to be necessary. Up to a certain pint they took our money, but somehow them ez aint a makin it are a fitin shy uv it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
President uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—More trouble. Bascom sez he's got to hev something to go to Looisville with beside our money, or he'll hev to close. And all the mechanics in the village, who hev to buy things in Looisville, are clamorin for suthin they kin buy with, and threaten, ef they dont get it, to bust things. Wun uv em impudently sed that afore the inflation period they didn't hev much money, but they cood do suthin with wat they hed. And the people applauded the disturber.

2d P. S.—Bascom hez jest come in. His likker is neerly gone, and he swears he'll close his bar ef we don't do suthin to-wunst. I hev called a meetin of the Direkters. Ef Bascom closes we are lost for ever. The Corners kin get on with any thing but that. I kin get on awhile, for I hev a jug in reserve, but Heven help them who is not pervided.

P. V. N.

THE END OF THE "ONLIMITED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE COMPANY."—THE FINAL SMASH-UP.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
October 20, 1875.

There is gloom onto the Corners! Our sun uv prosperity is sot, and my hopes is blasted. The Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company is not eggsackly no more, but it's near enuff dead to make it safe to bury it on a vencher. Its eyes is sot. After a brilyant career uv five weeks, coruscatin along the sky uv finance, sheddin a perfect rain uv blessins at every jump, its lite hez gone, its brilyancy hez departed, and it don't coruscate worth a cent.

We hevn't suspended, nor failed, nor closed our doors, nor nothin, for the simple reason that the bank wuz constructed on an ijee that made failin impossible, and the closin uv doors onnecessary. Ez we don't hev to redeem, wat shel we fail for? Ez we don't perpose to pay nothin, wat shel we close our doors for? Ther aint nothin hide-bound about this bank. The people is welcome to come in and discuss finance, and put ther feet up on the benches, and spit terbacker jooce all over the floor, jest as frendly as they choose, and they may do it ez long ez they choose.

No, the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company ain't failed, but it's kinder petered out, ez it were. It is expirin uv dry rot. Its notes, wich is its blud, ain't hevin any cirkelashen. The people don't take em with that cheerfulness nessary to a proper bankin bizness. Legislashen don't fetch em. The ordinances, wich made death the penalty for refoosin our ishoos, only workt so far ez takin uv em for taxes. The corporashen did take em for takes in pursooance uv their own legislashen, and here wuz where the trouble begun. The taxes wuz levied on a greenback basis, and the entire levy amounted to $8,000. Well, the taxes for the first time in the histry uv the Corners wuz all pade up in full, and with great promptness. A more prompter set uv taxpayers I never seed.

The treasurer hed $8,000 uv our ishoos when it becum nessary to buy a plow and four spades to do some work on the roads. In vane he tried to git em. The dealers at home, knowin wat currency he hed to pay in, suddenly got out uv plows and spades, and when he went to Looisville it took $1,000 in our currency to pay his fare, and he offered the hardware dealer the other $7,000 for the implements he wanted, but it woodent go. He hed to come back without em.

Then he came and demanded some currency uv us wich he cood yoose, wich uv course we hedn't got none, and he becum an opponent to our system.

Two shoomakers, each with $70,000 uv our money, coodent buy a side uv sole leather to continyoo ther biznis with, and hed to stop; our ralerodes and turnpikes hed to stop, becoz, hevin got to the pint wher we hed to hev iron and nales and sich things, we coodent go on. So all the labrers hed to be discharged, wich made a desprit populashen, all howlin agin us.

But the wust wuz yet to come. We cood hev wethered all this, but alas! Bascom failed.

This wuz the finishin blow—the great staggerer wich the Corners cood not possibly recover from.

Bascom made a manly fite, and I must say did all that he cood to stand up for us. He raised the price uv drinks to $2 a drink, and when he saw his barls rapidly failin he tried to keep the Corners agoin, by waterin his likker ez we hed watered the currency.

But theze expedient didn't work. The higher the price he put on his likker the more the people seemd to want to drink uv it. It semed to be a delite to em to pay out our money ef they got anything watever for it. But they woodent do wat Bascom most desired—that is to say, they woodent stand his watered whiskey. They sed to him, "Ef $2 a drink ain't high enuff, charge $4. It's all wun to us. Set em up agin."

And the bar-room full wood step up and take suthin, and the man who askt em wood throw down on the bar a peck of our currency for likker, and tell Bascom to help himself.

Bascom come to us and begged that we shood let him hev suthin that he cood yoose to re-stock his bar. He sed the dealers in Looisville laffed in his face when he offered em our money for likker, and he had but two barls left.

And them two barls wuz vizably shrinkin every minit. It seemed ez though the populis got insane for likker at the very time when we didn't want em to hev it. For the first time in my life, I wanted the Corners to be temprit, for every drop drunk from those barls brought our bank that much nearer its end. I sot opposite Bascom's, and saw the crowd go in with a sinkin sensashen that wuz akin to death. Drink by drink it went, and ez ef they coodent eggsaust it fast enough by the single drink, they got to comin for it in tin dippers.

"How does it hold out?" wuz the message I sent him at 10 a. m.

The answer come prompt:

"10:05 a. m.—Wun barl untutched, twenty gallons in the other and sinkin every minit. B."

Then I sent this:

"10:10.—Fill her up with water. Keep Jeffson Davis a pourin in. Hold the fort. N."

And the answer come:

"10:15.—Jeffson Davis is a histin in water ez fast ez he kin carry it. Mrs. Bascom is a rinsin out old barls, to which she adds kyan pepper and camfene. Ef I hed some Scotch snuff it wood help. Will hold out ez long ez it's possible. But it's terrible. A man jist come in and demandid a gallon. B."

Twenty minits thereafter Bascom sent this:

"Hev jist put a spiggot in the last barl, and the Corners is a howlin. It won't last an hour. B."

Then an expedient segested itself to me. I sent this note:

"Time is everything. Bust the spiggot. N."

Wich he did, thus keepin the wolves at bay for an hour, while it wuz bein repaired.

But why harrow the public buzum with the detafes uv this painful story? The end wuz inevitable. Drop by drop, drink by drink, pint by pint, that likker wuz ebbin away, and each drop weakened the bank. That likker wuz our life-blud, and ez it flowed we wilted.

Waterin the barl wuz merely a palliative; and it wuz with a feelin uv relief that I saw Geo. W. throw up his hands and exclaim: "It's all gone but a gallon, wich I shel keep for my own yoose. It's all gone, and I can't get another drop in Looisville."

And he dropt his head despondinly on a pile uv about $12,000 uv our currency, wich he hedn't taken off the bar, and wept despondinly.

"Why can't you get more?" demanded the excited populis.

"Becoz I ain't got no money but this, and yoo coodent get a barl uv whiskey in Looisville for a car load uv it."

I attempted to reason with the people. I told em that one reason uv our wealth wuz that we hed it in a currency that we coodent send away from home, thus keepin our capital within ourselves, but they refoozed to listen to me. They d——d my bank, they d——d me, and they went for the bank, swearin that ef ther wuz anything there that cood be converted into likker Bascom shood hev it. It is onnessary to remark that they didn't find anything. Antissipatin an onpleasantnis, we hed removed the valyooables to a place uv safety, wich wuz the underside uv my bed at Deekin Pogram's.

They they demanded that the money they held be redeemd into suthin they cood yoose, but uv course we declined to discuss the matter, referrin them to the terms uv the ishoo ez expressed on the notes, ez well ez ther own endorsement uv the skeem.

But this didn't satisfy em. They delibrately brought out $675,000 uv the ishoos uv the various banks, and pilin uv it up on the street, sot fire to it, dancin a demoniac dance around it. This amoozed me, for uv course I hed no earthly objeckshen to ther redeemin uv it in that way, but when I seed em riggin ropes to the trees in the vicinity, I remarkt to my fellow-officers: "Gentlemen, yoor President hez pressin biznis in yonder forest," and I got out ez rapidly ez my poor wastid lims wood permit. I flatter myself that I made tollable time for a man uv my age, whose strength is mostly in his stumick. Indeed, wen I turned and saw ten or a dozen uv the foremost men uv the Corners clost behind me, and all shoutin "Hang the d——d thief!" no gentle gazelle that I ever heerd uv ever skimmed the plain ez I did. I did not cease runnin till I got into the middle uv the big swamp.

Wat become uv the other drekters I don't know. The last fond look that I turned toards the bank I saw Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram struggling in the hands uv the mob, wich wuz playfully forcin uv em to sit down on a burnin pile uv ther own currency.

I am in a deserted hut in the swamp, wich wuz yoosed by runaway niggers in the old times, and am fed by a nigger farmer, who hez not heerd uv the collapse, and consekently tukes his pay in the Onlimited. Ef the nooze ever gets to him uv the reel condishen uv things and he shets off supplies, or reveels my whereabouts, I am a lost man.

Wat changes ther is in life? A week ago a successful finanseer, and the pet uv the populis—the Saviour uv the Corners! To-day a hunted fugitive, livin on hoe-cake furnished by a nigger. One needs to be a filosopher.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

Late President uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company,

N. B.—I hev heerd from the Corners. The ungrateful people, after half killin the officers uv the bank, passed resoloosheens that we wuz all a pack uv theeves, and that them ez had sold land and sich for our money shood soo for recovery thereof, and that they'd hang any judge wich woodent deside agin us. Bascom hez gone back onto us, and hez sold back to Pollock and Bigler the store we bot uv em, and hez got greenbax enuff to git a few bars uv likker, and hez re-opened. He hez put the price uv likker down to five cents agin, and refoozes to take anything for it but nickels and postal currency. He sez he ain't gittin ez many cart-loads uv money ez he did in the inflashen period, but he's satisfied. The most uv the citizens is bankrupt, and roin is evrywhere. Oh, why did their faith give out at the wrong time!

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY'S PROPOSITION IS NOT ACCEPTED.

In a swamp near Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 27, 1875.

I felt that ef I had to stay another week in this infernal cabin I shood die. With nuthin but hoe-cake to eat--with infrekent and onreliable drinks, with no society watever, life didn't seem to me to be wuth hevin. Therefore I sent a note to the citizens uv the Corners askin for a promis uv safety, that I mite make em a proposishen, wich ef they wood accept, wood enable the Bank to go on and become ez permanent ez time herself.

The Corners met and decided to receeve me and appinted a committee to heer my proposishen, and on reseevin ther answer I made my way thither.

The meetin wuz held in the Church. It wuz an impressive scene. On the platform in front of the pulpit sot the committee—the auditorium in front wuz crowded with citizens, the must uv whom hed baskets uv my currency, and ther wuz an expectant murmur ez I entered. I wuz delited to see that ther wuz a winder just back uv where I wuz to stand, and also that it wuz open; that it wuz only three feet to the ground, and that the woods wuz only about 80 rods to the rear. Old ez I am I kin make fairly good time for 80 rods.

I wuz respectfully invited to make my statement.

Ez I rose a most anxshus silence pervaded that assemblage. Yoo cood hev heerd a pin drop ef enybody hed dropt one.

Wipin my streamin brow I remarked that I hed never intended that the Corners shood loose a cent by our bank, nor did I now so intend. I confest that lookin simply to the idee uv inflashun, follerin the idees of the Democracy uv Ohio and Pennsylvany, I hed not given sich careful attention ez I shood hev done to the matter uv redempshun.

At this pint the awjence seemed to be visibly pleased.

I hed hed a week uv solitood, and I hed employed that time wrestlin with the question uv finance, and I wuz happy to say that I hed finally mastered it. I hed matoored a skeem for redempshun wich I wuz willin to present.

"Go on! go on!" the people shreeked delitedly.

"I perpose to redeem the ishoos uv the Onlimited Trust and Confidence in the bonds uv the Company."

Their faces resoomed a expresshun uv stolidity wich I did not like.

"Will them bonds bear interest?" they all askt in korus.

"Certainly they will. We shel be generous. You may fix the rate of interest at wat yoo choose."

"That seems fair," they exclaimed.

I congratulated myself on havin got through tollable easy, and wuz steppin off the platform to go over to Simpson's to hev the bonds printed when that feend, Joe Bigler, who wuz sittin with Pollock, rose and remarkt that he, ez a bill holder, hed a question to ask.

"Go on!" sez I.

"Yoo'll give interest-bearin bonds for yoor notes, will yoo?"

"Certainly, Josef," sed I; "uv course we will."

"Wat do yoo perpose to redeem the bonds in?"

"Why, our notes, uv course. Wat else hev we to redeem em in? Our notes, with the privilege uv convertin uv em into bonds at any time—and faith is the best money in the world."

"Then wat'll yoo redeem the notes in?" persisted Josef with feendish pertenassity.

"Why, the bonds uv course," was my response. "Wat kin eny wun want better than intrest-bearin bonds, and wat currency kin be better than that wich yoo kin convert at pleasure into sich bonds? My friends, whenever yoo want bonds for yoor currency don't hesitate to come for em —don't be afraid of givin the officers trouble. It is our pleasure to serve the public, and we'll go to any lengths——"

"But wat did I understand yoo'r goin to redeem them bonds in?" askt Josef agin.

"Our notes!" I answered, out uv pashence with him.

"And yoo redeem the notes with yoor bonds?"

"Certinly; jist ez our friends uv Ohio perpose to pay the nashnel debt."

"And this goes on for time and eternity?"

"Certinly, Josef. A finanshel institooshen, constructed ez ours is, kin go on from time to eternity, becoz it is convertible—one species uv paper into another, and another into one. You see——"

"Yes, I see, but citizen Bascom, when yoo hev sold all yoor likker agin for this paper, and yoo turn around and convert it into bonds, hev yoo any ashoorance that they'll take them bonds in Looisville for more likker? Did they take the notes afore? How much better does the bonds make em? Fellow citizens uv the Corners—(Josef spoke impressively)—Fellow citizens uv the Corners, inoggerate this system agin if yoo choose, but I feel it my dooty to warn yoo that in a week there won't be a drop uv likker in the Corners, and wat's more, yoo won't be able to git a drop. Yoo are standin on the brink uv a pressipis. Haul off before it is everlastinly too late."

The people seed it to wunst, and with a glare like so many infooriated tigers they riz and went for me. The winder wuz open, and I sprang thro it, and made for the woods, wich I reeched jist in time. Hed they caught me, they wood hev hung me out uv hand.

I am now in the cabin, In wich I hev spent the last week, sick and sore. Does finanseerin mean perpetooal skootin for the woods? Am I alluz to be escapin with my life? Oh for a quiet, sekoor post offis!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

President of the late Onlimited Trust and Confidence Company.

P. S.—The nigger who owns my hidin place hez diskivered who I am. He went to the Corners to get pervishens with the money I give him, and then the cat wuz out uv the bag. He sed hed he knowd who I wuz and wat I wuz hidin for, he never wood hev took me in. He thot I wuz merely a hunted and distrest hoss-thief. Ez I hed nuthin to pay him in, he came in while I wuz asleep and took my coat and boots, wich he sez I kin hev when I give him good money for that wich I paid him in. He bleeves I hev some good money about me somewhere. How I am to git away from here the Lord only knows.

P. V. N.

(It may be proper to remark that after this letter Mr. Nasby kept silence for several months, and when he again resumed his pen, his letters were dated from Confedrit X Roads, as formerly. It is to be inferred that the means by which he extricated himself from the dire predicament so graphically described in the above postscript were so painfully humiliating that he could not bear to make them known to an unsympathizing world.)

LATER LETTERS.

The letters following are now embodied in book form for the first time. They are taken from the files of the Toledo Weekly Blade, in which alone they were published. The selection embodies the greater number written from 1869 to 1887, and embraces all that are of permanent value; that is, those letters only have been excluded which were based on local subjects, or suggested by comparatively trivial occurrences, which have now passed out of the public mind, and were not important enough to become part of our political history.

MR. NASBY SETTLED AT LAST IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

In the 6th Ward uv Noo York,
Dec. 10, 1869.

The dove which Noah sent out come back to the Ark becoz the waters kivered the land; when the dove found a dry spot it come back no more. I am a dove. I wuz sent out from the Corners, but the prevalence uv water druv me back, time and agen. Now, thank Heaven, I hev found a spot wher ther is no water (at least I've never seen any used here for any purpose), and here I stay. My foot hez found a restin place.

I am the sole proprietor uv the "Harp uv Erin" S'loon. The original proprietor uv the "Harp uv Erin" died the evenin uv the last eleckshun, much regretted by his politikle assoshates. He hed only voted thirteen times, when in argyment techin the merits uv his candidate, ez compared with his opponent for the nominashen, he wuz hit with a brickbat, and died with his day's work half done. The man who struck him wuz expelled from the society to wich he belonged for killin an able-bodied Democrat before the closing uv the polls.

How I got possesshen uv the s'loon I shel not state. Suffice it to say it became mine, and the stock likewise, and that I shel never hev occashen to leave it. Here I shel live, and here I shèl die. Uv course I've decorated it to soot the tastes uv my patrons. I took down the portrate uv Jackson, and cut off uv the bottom the words, "The Yoonyun, it must and shel be preserved!" and substitooted, "He serves his party best who votes the most," wich I read to those who drop in ez the the last words uv the Hero uv Noo Orleens. I hev an Irish flag turned round an Irish Harp, over the bar, and portrates uv the Head Centres uv the Fenian Brotherhood, properly wreathed, all about the room. On the end uv the bar, in the spot where in other neyborhoods the water pitcher stands, I hev a box with a hole in the top uv it, inscribed, "Contribushens for the benefit of our suffrin brethren in English Basteels may be dropped in here." That box more than pays my rent. Then I hev quite a cabinet uv

sakred relics. I hev a peece uv the rope wich hung John Brown; the identicle club wich killed the first nigger in the riots uv Jooly, 1863; a bullit fired at the Triboon offis at that time, with other sooveneers dear to the Democratic heart, wich attract many. These hang onto the walls, and underneath them, I hev the prices uv drinks inscribed, with the stern, cold words, "No Trust."

I inoggeratid my establishment last Wednesday nite. Rememberin the terrible endin uv all my other inoggerashens, I declined at fust to make any formal openin, but my friends insisted that it wuz the custom uv the ward, and that I must do it.

"Nobody will buy yoor likker," sed one, "ef yoo don't make a regler openin."

"Ef I make a regler openin," sed I, "I won't hev a drop to sell em. Stay—I hev it. I'll go before a Justis ov the Peece and take a solemn oath not to drink anything myself that nite."

"Twon't do," sed my frend; 'oaths don't count in this ward."

Various plans wuz rejectid. One gentleman proposed that I shood be tied down so that I coodent git at the likker, and that he shood do the honors. His nose wuz agin him, and I declined his proposishen. Finally I hit upon the plan. I calkilated that twenty gallons wood anser, and I put that amount in a barrel. The balance uv the stock I locked in a room, and then put the key away in a drawer.

"There," sed I, triumphantly, "afore that twenty gallons is eggaustid I shel be too far gone to know where the key to the room holdin the balance uv the stock is. Saved! Saved!"

It resulted ez I anticipatid. At first we hed speeches, and toasts. Mr. O'Rafferty replied to the toast, "Our adoptid country." He sed the term "Our adoptid country" wuz a happy one, for so far ez Noo York waz conserned the sons of Erin hed adoptid it. He hed bin charged with a lack uv love for this country. He repelled the charge with scorn. Why shoodn't he love this country? In wat other country wuz votes worth a dollar apeece? Where else cood sich a man ez he hev so high a posishen ez Alderman, and only two years on the ground?

Mr. O'Toole jined in the sentiment. Where else under the canopy cood a man like hisself who coodent read be a skool director? He hed often bin thankful that he turned his face toward Ameriky the minit his time wuz out in the prison at Liverpool. Ther wuz less risk in holdin offis in Noo York, than in burglary in England, and the results wuz shoorer.

Ther wuzn't much more speech-makin. The drinkin went on fast and furious tho, and ez I antissipated, before the twenty gallons wuz eggsausted I wuz very drunk, and incapable uv any effort, mental or physikle, and the others were in very much the same predicament. Four or five uv em did try to rouse me, to git more, but it wuz uv no use; they might ez well hev whispered Gray's Elegy in the ear of a dead mule. The most uv em slept, ez I did, on the floor till the mornin.

I shel be happy here. I hev the steddy patronage uv two aldermen, three skool directors and four contractors, and when the Mayor gits the appintin uv the poleece there will be twelve poleecemen whose trade I 'kin count on. Ther in my back room is where the preliminary caucusses for the ward is held, and I shel be paid for wat the managers drink till I git an offis myself. At last my lines is cast in pleasant places.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz P. M.)

MR. NASBY RECEIVES A LETTER FROM DEACON POGRAM.

6th Ward, City uv Noo York,
January 10, 1870.

Yesterday I received the follow in letter from that old saint in trowsers, Deekin Elkanah Pogram. It was delayed a long time, ez the Deekin directed it to "Rev." Petroleum V. Nasby. The letter carriers hedn't any idee that there wuz any man in the 6th ward who hed any title to that prefix. But I finally got it. I need not say that after readin it I closed my bar and hung crape onto the door. Oh, the demoralization of this cussid-age! But it wuz a comfort to hear from him. "Ez in water face ansereth to face, so the heart uv man to man." The tex shood reed, in Kentucky at least, "Ez in whiskey," &c., but I take no liberties with skripture. This is the Deekin's epistle:

Confedrit X Roads, Ky.,
Dec. 2, 1869.

My Dear Friend:—I avail myself uv the presence uv a young man from Injeany, who kin rite, to inform yoo ez to the condishun of things in yoor old home. Things is bad here and is rapidly growin wuss. Sence yoo left us it seems to me ez the kaos hed come agin, and that confooshen wus bein wuss confoundid. The first families hev lost their grip; niggers and ablishnists hev come in, and hev takin controle, and Confedrit X Roads is no longer a place in wich a gentleman uv refinement and culture kin decently live.

That infamous wretch, Joe Bigler, and that onmitgated pest, Pollock, is in partnership, at least Joe is sellin goods for Pollock, and his store is the resort uv all uv their class fur miles around. The old settlers hev nothin watever to do with em. We wuz disposed to paternize em, but when Pollock refoozed to let goods wich we hed bought go out of the store till they wuz paid for, and the next minit give credit to niggers, we indignantly declined to deel with him. That indignity we woodent submit to. We indoost two merchants from Louisville to start biznis here, but they didn't stay long. They give credit, and their trade wuz consekently brisk, but they hed difficulty in renooin their stocks. When one uv em presented his bill to me, I told him indignantly that ef that wuz the way he perposed to do biznis, he mite ez well close. "Why," said I, "I mite ez well deel with Pollock." He remarkt, insolently, that he wished I hed dealt with Pollock, and flung hisself out uv my presence. Merchants are, ez a class, disgustinly mersenary.

Bascom threatens to close down and leave us. He hez alreddy mortgagis on all our land to its full valyoo, and sence the offises are all in the hands uv men who don't drink likker at all, he sez there ain't no money within his reech, and he can't carry us much longer. He sighs for the good old times under Johnson's administrashen, when all the money receeved by the Postmaster, the Collector and Assessor poured into his drawer. He is morose and gloomy, and waters his likker fearfully. I allez hev to take five or six drinks before I experience any sensashen.

But these things is not the worst or most gloomy uv the signs uv the times. There's rooin ahed uv us. The chivalry uv the Corners hev lost all spirit. Only last week ther wuz a temperans lecterer advertised to make a speech in the hall over Pollock's store. "Shel this be permittid?" askt Bascom indignantly, bringin his fist down onto the bar till the glasses rattled.

"Never!" shouted Issaker Gavitt and the others in the bar-room, who scentid drinks ahead.

Bascom sot out the bottles; we all took suthin, and rusht toomulchusly to the hall. Yoo remember with wat eagernis we formerly mobbed obnoxyus speekers? We wuzn't at all eager that nite. We only run a rod or two; our pace got down to a slow walk afore we reached the spot, and when we got into the hall we meekly sot down and listened to the heretikle cuss, and went away without heavin a stun at him. When Bascom reproached us for our lack uv yoose. Men coodent mob anybody on sich likker ez he furnisht. It won't do to diloot when yoo hev sich biznis on hand.

But that wuz not the most alarmin sign uv the degeneracy uv our people. Within a month two Methodist preachers hev held forth in this village, and neither uv em were hung or shot! What hope kin there be where such things occur? And wat is wuss two uv our old friends attendid their meetins, and immejitly they quit comin to Bascom's, and I notist their children yesterday with shoes on. Bascom sighed ez he seed it.

"It's a mystry to me," he sez.

"What is a mystry?" sez I.

"Why, so long ez them men stayed with me all day, they hedn't no money to spend—now that they don't come no more, they hev money, but they waste it on shoes and I don't get it. Why didn't nacher make men capable uv workin all day and drinkin all nite?"

Ther ain't no change in me or mine, ceptin that my house is somewhat smaller. At the beginnin uv the winter, we wuz compelled to yoose our kitchen for firewood, ez me and Jethro, my oldest son, cooden't procoor the labor to cut the winter's fuel. The niggers won't work for us. Next winter I spose the sittin room will go, then the wing wich we yoozed for a spare bed-room will follow, and ef I am not gone hentz by that time, I don't know wat we shell do for more. The coil uv fate is titenin about me.

The niggers up towards Garrettstown are akkoomulatin property rapidly, and they pay their taxes promptly, but wat good is that to Bascom? The offishls is all ablishnists, and that money is diverted into other than legitimate channels. These vandals hev macadamized a mile uv road between the Corners and Garrettstown, and built a bridge over the Run. Kin yoo blame Bascom for wantin to leave here?

I hev heard uv yoor success, and am glad uv it. Wood that I cood git into suthin uv the sort! Wood my fate wuz different. But we can't all keep grosery. I shel stay here, and when all the people is gone I shel go down. Thank Heaven the time is not far off.

Yoor friend,

ELKANAH POGRAM.

P. S.—Ef yoo cood send me a two-gallon jug uv likker wich hez life into it I shood alluz remember it gratefully. After Bascom's watered stuff it wood be a gleem uv sunlite after a long and tejus nite. E. P.

I laid down the old man's letter affected to teers. Water in the whiskey! Children with shoes, while old men lack sustenance! Macadamized roads! Bridges! Methodist preachers! Temprans lecturers! Ablishnism, these is thy work! Thank Hevin, I am ankered where none uv these things kin be. I shel send the old man his jug. It will put him out uv his misery quicker, and smooth his pathway to the toom. Besides, when he's gone wat I owe him is settled.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(wich wuz Postmaster.)

A WAIL OVER THE ADOPTION OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT BY THE OHIO LEGISLATURE.

6th Ward, Noo York,
Jan. 24, 1870.

The passige uv the 15th Amendment by the Ohio Legislacher created a profound sensation in this immejit visinity. The news reached us in the afternoon, and that evenin a large meetin wuz held in the back room uv my grosery to express our views on the topic, the elect uv the Democrisy uv the ward bein present. I wuz uv course called to the chair, and Tommy Mick Farland, who wuz wunst a reporter, till an overpowerin fondnis for likker preventid him from dischargin his dooties, and who, ez he kin write, hez since made a livin by actin ez Sekretary uv Dimekratic meetins in this ward, wuz made Sekretary.

Terence O'Grath, who is an under waiter at the Astor House, remarked that his sole wuz filled with woe. The passage uv the Amendment by the Ohio Legislacher, settled the question uv nigger suffrage. From this time forward a menial race, only fitted by nacher to do menial offices for others, wood be placed on a ekality with him. It wuz degradin to the race uv freemen to wich he belonged, and for one he wood never, no never, submit. Mr. O'Grath wood hev continyood his remarks, but he wuz cut short by the entrance uv the head waiter, who cussed him viggerusly for bein away from his place, and ordered him instantly to leeve. "Who's brushin the gentlemen's coats, and pullin on their boots, and sich, while yoor here blatherin?" indignantly ejackilated the head man, ez Mr. O'Grath meekly left the room.

Timmy Brannon, a drayman, remarkt that he wuz entirely discouraged. Only last week he hed bin arrested and fined for beatin his hoss over the head with a dray pin, and now can nothin be dun to check these outrages?

Thomas Patterson, Esq., a gentleman known in pugilistic circles ez "Patty the Lifter," wantid to know whether he wuz to be compelled to go to the polls twenty times a day beside niggers? "Blast my heyes," remarkt Mr. Patterson, vehemently, "I'll go back to hold Hingland first!"

Mr. Phelim Malloy remarkt that so far ez Noo York wuz conserned he didn't know ez 'twood make any difference. He wuz entirely shoor that no nigger wood ever vote in the Sixth ward, anyhow, ez we don't allow only sich white men to vote ez we want to hev vote. But—"

"But sposn they'll all vote the Dimocrathic ticket?" sung out the Alderman.

"That wooden't do us any good," retorted Mr. Malloy. "So long ez we kin repate ez often ez needs be, and stuff into the boxes ez many votes ez we want, wat do want uv more voters? Wat he wuz about to say wuz, that while it wooden't affect us in Noo York, his sole run out in pity towards the Democrisy in the Ablishen Distriks who wood be, if he wuz compelled to vote with niggers, compelled to stan by helplis and see the ballot-box degradid."

At this pint there wuz a gineral expreshun uv joy, okkashund by the entrance uv Mr. John Sykes, who hed jist arrived from Sing Sing, where he hed bin encarcerated two years for burglary, wich wuz complicatid with shootin the individjooel whose house he was burglin. His bein convicted and sentenced wuz owin to the fact that he hed opposed the nominashen ov the Judge afore whom he was tried. Mr. Sykes wuz uv course indignant, at the unfair treetment he hed experienced, but he wuz more pro-

foundly affectid at the politikle sitooashen than he wuz at his privit wrongs. "Thunder! To think," sed he, "uv such a mass uv ignorance, vishusness and crime bein elevatid up to us. Ef 'twant for some little matters connectid with a half dozen house-breakins in Lunnun, I'd go back on the next steamer ez sails."

And Mr. Sykes actilly wept.

At this pint an unfortunit diffrence occurred. Alderman O'Fallon wuz offerin a resloosheu protestin agin the assoshatin uv free men with the lower and more vischus classes ez tendin to corrupt the sanctity uv the ballot, when Mr. Patsey Carney entered. "Pay me the money ye promised me for the ten votes I brot ye off the emigrant ship last fall, ye spalpeen!" ejackelated Carney. "I've paid it twice ye blaggard, and be gorra there wuz only nine uv em, and one uv em wuz a legal voter, for wich ye hed no rite to ask pay for!" retortid O'Fallon.

"To the divil wid yez!" remarkt Carney, goin for him. Uv course the entire meetin jined in the scrimmage. It lasted twenty minits, resultin in the breakin uv every chair in the room, a two-gallon jug, and twelve or fourteen heads. That relic uv Ablishen misrule, the Metropolitan poleece, kum in and stopt the row, takin away ten men, nine uv wich I knowd hed money in ther pockets, wich, hed they stayed an hour, I shood hev got. It wuz exasperatin.

Two uv my stiddy customers who hed bin overcome early in the afternoon, and who hed jist got up out uv the straw wich I keep in a room for the accomodashen uv sich, insisted that they'd never consent to givin uv politikle power to the degraded wretches. They felt that the very proposishen was an outrage. "Besides," one uv em remarkt, "wat effect will the makin uv sich an army uv new voters hev upon the price uv votes? Ef they vote at all in this city they'll hev to vote with us. Will they immejitly demand their share uv the offises? Imagine my bein arrestid for vagrancy by nigger poleecemen!"

And the bare thought so shockt him that he rusht out into the barroom, and took a whiskey straight, forgettin in his excitement to pay for it.

Resoloosheus were introduced and passed, denouncin the ackshen uv Ohio, and exhortin Noo York to stand firm in her rescindin uv the ratificashen. Addishnel resoloosheus wuz passed, demandin uv the Legislacher uv Noo York a strikly Dimokratic government. We insisted upon the immejit repeel uv the Excise law, the Metropolitan Poleece laws, the laws preventin crooelty to animals, the health laws, the dividin uv the skool fund among the Catholic churches, and all the laws wich tend to keep Ablishnists in offis to the injoory uv the s'loon keepers uv Noo York. This last menshund clause wuz added at my instance. Ef the poleecemen on this beat wuz all taken from my patrons, ex they will be when the change finelly comes, wat a good thing I wood hev uv it! Imagine twenty or thirty men, all on good salaries, and with power to arrest and go through jest sich ez they pleese, and all uv 'em spendin half or three-quarters uv their time in my bar-room! Majestic prospeck! Governor Hoffman wood insist upon hurryin' up this thing ef he realized how much we who electid him are losin by his non-ackshen.

My biznis is tollable ony. My customers are gettin into a habit uv remarkin to me, "Jist mark it down," after takin a drink, wich, sence I stand on the inside uv a bar, I find to be a most disgustin thing. And then my custom is bein divided. Sence the Dimocratic victry in November makes a change in the control uv the city certin, five stores in the

immejit vicinity uv my place hev bin changed into s'loons, and each one draws suthin from me. But yet I make no doubt I shel git along. My landlord will be a candidate for Alderman next spring, and he can't afford to bother me much for rent, and I am busy establishin a credit at a half-dozen wholesale likker stores. I shel worry along.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

ANOTHER LETTER FROM CONFEDERATE X ROADS.

Harp uv Erin S'loon,
6th Ward, Noo York, Feb. 27, 1870.

The followin letter wuz reseeved yesterday from that long sufferin old saint, Deekin Pogram:

Confedrit X Roads,
(which is in the state uv Kentucky),
February 20, 1870.

My Dear Nasby:—Wunst more hev I come to greef, wich is wat I hev bin doin with wonderful regularity ever sence yoo left this part uv the heritage. The afflictin circumstances is ez follows:

You remember wat an eggscitement the ackshen uv Ohio on 15th Amendment perdoosed in Kentucky. Here wuz two states contiguous to each other, the same river lavin both uv their banks, one on one side and 'tother on the 'tother—and which wuz connected by other holy and tender ties and sich—and one of these states had gone and ratified an Amendment which placed the niggers uv 'tother state on a level with her white citizens. Uv course Kentucky wuz indignant, and no part of it more so than the Cross Roads. Our citizens biled over when they got the news, and ez we alluz do when we effervess, we called a meetin.

I need not say that we missed yoo. We hev never hed a competent chairman sence yoo left us, and consekently our biznis goes slip-shod. But after speeches by myself, Capt. McPelter, Bascom and others, we finally passed the followin resolushens:-

Wareas, Our sister state uv Ohio whose banks are laved by the same river wich laves the banks uv Kentucky, hez degradid herself by elevatin the nigger to a level with her white citizens, and

Wareas, By this ackshen Ohio hez assistid to degrade the white citizens uv Kentucky, by forcin them onto a level with niggers, and

Wareas, Kentucky hez alluz contribbited uv her means to support Ohio, by buyin uv her goods and sich; and

Wareas, Kentucky hez self-respect, therefore be it

Resolved, That Kentucky to assert her self-respect declares that henceforth and forever, she will never hev intercourse with Ohio, in any shape, either ez buyer or seller.

The wareases and resolooshens wuz passed with more enthoosiasm than I ever saw manifested. The aujence riz ez one man, and cheered vociferously. O, how I wisht that that cheer cood hev reached Cincinnati! How the bloatid merchant princes uv that aristocratic city wood hev quaked hed they heard it!

To give the ackshen doo effect, McPelter, Bascom and myself wuz appinted a committee to go personally to present the wareases and resolooshens to the merchants uv Cincinnati, each delegate bein empowered by the convenshun to pay his own persnel, and sich other, expenses ez he mite contract.

"Go!" said Issaker Gavitt; "go, and be the horn wich'll batter down the walls uv that Ablishen Jericho!"

"Go!" sed all the rest, "and return to tell us how ther cheeks blanched ez yoo red to em their doom!"

We went, with the proceedins of the meetin neatly written. Ez we approached Cincinnati McPelter's heart softened towards her. "Perhaps," he sed, "we're too severe. Shel we hold all uv Cincinnati 'sponsible for the ackshen uv a porshen uv her citizens? Shel we hold Cincinnati 'sponsible for the ackshun uv the State? There are Dimocrats in Cincinnati—shel we crush them with the others? Shel the innocent suffer with the guilty?"

I was disposed to side with McPelter, but Bascom wuz inflexible. He wood never go back an inch. This insult wuz put upon Kentucky by Ohio, and Cincinnati wuz the commershel capital uv Southern Ohio, and the only way to reech Ohio wuz to crush Cincinnati. The thunderbolt we had in our pockit must fall in Cincinnati, no matter who it crushed. Ef the Dimocrats in that city don't want to be crushed, let em git out.

McPelter yeelded with a sigh, and we entered the city, Bascom smilin a grim smile ez he put his foot on its pavements.

"Reel estate will be cheaper here to-morrow!" he remarked, glancin at the buildins on either side uv the street. "I may possibly conclood to invest to some extent myself. When Kentucky refooses to trade with Cincinnati, its days is numbered. We'll buy it up and re-popilate it with Kentuckians."

The next mornin we commenst our work.

"We will begin," sed Bascom, "on the likker merchants, they bein more intimitly connectid with us. We'll crush the likker merchants first by refoosin to trade with em, from this time out." And we entered the first rectifyin establishment we come to. We didn't go very far into it. The proprietor advanced to meet us—Bascom glanced at him—he glanced at Bascom—the proprietor turned red, Bascom turned ez white as a sheet, and darted for the door, McPelter and I follerin soot, without knowin precisely wat for. Down the street we rushed, the proprietor close behind us, till finally by dartin down an alley we elooded him and leaned up agin a wall to breathe.

"Why this foot-race?" I askt uv Bascom.

"I owe this cuss a bill for likker bought the year afore the war," returned he. "I didn't notis his name over the door or I shoodn't hev gone in."

McPelter whissled a long, low, soft whissle, and I coodent avoid thinkin uv several things connected with our mishun ez he spoke them words.

After breathin ourselves, we resoomed our raid onto the merchants We entered another store, a boot and shoe concern, wich we perpoosed to crush by declinin to buy uv it. McPelter's eye rested onto the proprietor, and he glided out uv the store like a startled fawn. Uv course Bascom and I follered, and the proprietor after us. There wuz another chase and more dodgin, wich resultid ez before.

"Why is this?" I asked uv McPelter.

"When I bustid in the boot and shoe trade, two yeers ago, this villain wuz my principal creditor. He thought I wuz dead, but ez he's seen me in the flesh, I shel never agin hev any peece."

The next place we essayed wuz a genral dry goods store and noshen

house. Jist ez we pulled the resolooshen from our pockit to read it to the proprietor uv the store perdoosed a note uv Elder Gavitt (Issaker's father), on wich I wuz bail, and we tried to dust out uv that place. But by this time Basçom and McPelter's men hed found out wher we wuz, with a skore or more uv others who hed heerd uv our bein in the city thro these, and the thing got so hot that we hed to run for it, and run we did. Fearin all sorts uv legal annoyances about obtainin goods under false pretences, et settry, we didn't stop till we hed got well out uv the city, and the next day we hailed a boat and sailed for Looisville.

I can't say that our visit resultid in accomplishin wat we desired. We didn't git a chance to read our resolooshen at all, owin to the coopidity uv the merchants who, with a grovelin, mersenary spirit wich I never saw ekalled, appeared to be more anxious to git wot we already owed em than to listen to rseoloshens declinin to trade with em, or to open new accounts and Cincinnati don't know to this day the doom wich hung over her.

We sed very little uv the result uv our trip on our return. McPelter did intimate that radicalism hed reseeved a stunnin blow from wich it wood never recover, but we declined to go into pertikelers. I shel never go on sich a mishun agin. Is there an openin for me too in Noo York? I'm weary uv life here.

Faithfully,

ELIJER POGRAM.

Blessed Saint! Almost marter! Hed he bin arrested in Cincinnati for obtainin goods under false pretences, and hed he died in a Basteel, wat a fittin climax to a life so crowned with beauties! And hed he so died my debt to him wood hev bin cancelled. But we can't expect to hev everything arranged to soot us. I shall write the aged saint a letter uv congratulashen on his happy escape.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz P. M.)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Harp uv Erin S'loon, 6th Ward,
Noo York, April 2, 1870.

The proclamation uv the President announcin the ratification uv the Fifteenth Amendment perdoosed a profound sensation in this Ward.

It wuz told to our people by a reporter uv a daily paper at 11 o'clock this mornin, and it got pretty well around among us by 3 this afternoon, wich wuz tollably rapid, considerin that intelligence in this Ward hez to be conveyed orally. In the afternoon it was resolved that a meetin be held in the evenin to consult ez to wat ackshen the Dimocrisy shood take in the matter, wich wuz akkordingly so done. I hed the back room lit up, the barrels moved into a safe place, under the strongest kind uv locks, and the bar closed, and draped in mournin in token uv the hoomiliashen wich I felt had fallen onto the people in consekence uv this outrage. I hung crape unto the door; I put crape around the portraits uv Jaxon, Chief Justis Chase, Bookannon and Fernandy Wood, and likewise around the bottles and over the red-headed barrel, wich gave the establishment a highly funereal and mournful look, wich wuz entirely satisfactory.

In the evenin the Dimocracy assembled, and a more enraged gatherin I never saw. They wuzn't jist clear as to wat the President hed

done; indeed the most uv em wuz labrin under the impreshn that the enfranchisement uv the nigger wuz the work uv the Democratic Legislacher at Albany, and ther wuz indicashens uv a determinashen to go thro some of the houses uv the Dimocratic members in this city, but I stopt em by tellin em the strate uv it.

I asoomed the chair, uv course, and hed, in addishen, to do the dooties uv Sekretary, bein the only one then in the meetin who cood write.

Teddy McGinnis remrked that he felt a hoomiliashen wich wuz actooally beyond expreshen. The dirty nagur wuz now his ekal. The only difference between em hed bin removed by this infamus law. Does any one spose that he'd iver consint to vote all day beside niggers? Niver! He called upon the Dimocracy to jine in a croosade agin em. "Follow me," sed Teddy, "and in Noo Yorrick, at least, we won't be bothered with nagur suffrage, be gorra."

Pat McLaughlin held simlar views. Sooner than vote beside nagurs he'd relinquish the bisnis uv votin altogether, and go to sawin wood. Repeetin is a good enough biznis, and the small conthract wich he hed ez a reward therefor wuz better, but he coodent stand nagurs, nor woodent His voice wuz for killin uv em.

The others made similar specches when Sandy McGuire offered a resolooshen that the offerin uv a vote by a nagur be considered ez a declarashen uv war agin the Democracy uv Noo York, and that they then be immegitly be exterminated. Sandy wuz for no half-way measures. He remembered the glorious Jooly days in 1863, when the Democracy uv Noo York asserted itself. He hed assisted in destroyin the nagur orphan asylum; with this good rite hand he had beat out the brains uv two nagurs to say nothin uv the wimin and children wich he didn't consider worth countin. He longed to git at em agin.

The meetin be all so yoonanimus in their feelin, I wrote the follerin resolooshens:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Noo York considerin and beleevin the nigger to be a beast, a burlesk on hoomanity and incapable of dischargin any uv the dooties uv citizenship, do hereby protest agin his bein give the ballot on a ekality with white men.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Noo York ruther than submit to this degredashen pledges itself to the exterminashen uv the accussid race.

The resolooshens wuz adoptid without a dissentin voice, and the enthoosiastic McGuire, brandishin his shillala, rusht out and attackt a couple uv niggers wich wuz passin, and knockin em down, stamped onto em vigrously with his boots, exclaimin the while, "Want to vote, do yez?"

The meetin wuz about to break up, when Tim O'Grady, a man uv Fernandy Wood's, come rushin in. He hed heard uv the meetin, and come immejitly to see about it. I told him in a breath wat hed bin done "Thunder!" he remarkt to me in a whisper, "this won't do. Yoo eggrejis old ass, the niggers hev votes, and will vote now in spite uv us. We mus git em, for without em, with all the rebels disfranchised, wat kin we do in the Southern States? Call the meetin to order agin."

I didn't like the tone uv his alloosion to me, but I called the meetin to order onct more.

O'Grady remarked to em that there hed bin a misunderstandin. He felt ashoored that the Dimocrisy uv Noo York, alluz the friends uv the oppressed and down trodden, wood now genrously extend a helpin hand to our colored brethren jist elevated to full citizenship. The Dimocrisy hed

not assisted in their elevashen, but they hed no feelin agin our brethren uv color. When our colored brethren come to analyze the matter they wood love the Dimocrisy the more for not doin uv it. He wood move the substitooshen uv the follerin resolooshen for the one wich hed bin unadvisedly passed:

Resolved, That the Democrisy uv Noo York hail with a feelin uv pleasure wich we hev no words to express, the elevashen uv our colored fellow-citizens to full citizenship, and that we pledge ourselves to pertect em in the enjoyment uv their newly found rites.

The meetin didn't want to pass it. The feelin agin em wuz too deep sot to be rooted out in a minit, but O'Grady wuz determined. O wat a minit wuz that! Wuz the niggers to be killed by us, or wuz they to be taken to our buzzums? Ther fate hung tremblin in the balance. Finally it wuz put to vote, and the niggers wuz safe. By one majority the resolushen wuz passed.

At that minit a groan wuz heard outside.

"What is that?" asked O'Grady.

"Some nagurs I jist now bate!" remarks McGuire.

"Beatin niggers!" sed O'Grady. "Good Lord! bring em in!"

And he rushed out and brought in the two unfortunates. They were badly banged up about the face, and breast, and stumick, and legs, but O'Grady wuz ekal to the emergency. He washed their wounds and revived em with whiskey, and bound up ther sores, and finally sot em on ther feet.

"McGuire!" sed he, when he hed the work finished, "McGuire, embrace em."

McGuire hed his shillala in his hand. Never did I see a man so torn with tender emoshens. Nateral instinks impelled him to drop that shillala on their heds ez usual, but politikle considerashens restraned him. Twict under O'Grady's eye he lowered it, until at last he dropt it, and fell sobbin with emoshen onto their buzzums.

I took the crape off the door, bottles and picters, and immejitly illoominated in honor uv the event, and the next mornin I put up a placard on my door, "No distinkshen at this bar on account uv color. Ekal rites!"

The ward committee is takin prompt and vigerous ackshen to sekoor this vote. They hev adoptid the same means they yoose to control ther other vote. They hev already startid ten s'loons run by colored men, to wich they give all the profits, and are arrangin for ten more. There will be a nigger or two put onto the police to wunst. The force will be increased enuff to make room for these new ones, ez we darsn't discharge any uv the Irish. I'm goin for em also. Those wich I kin git to drink my likker will vote my tikket. It will fetch em sure.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE CHINESE QUESTION CONSIDERED.

Harp of Erin S'loon,
Sixth Ward, New York, July 6th, 1870.

I saw in a noosepaper that seventy-five Chinese hed located theirselves in North Adams, Massychoosits, and therein I saw a gleem uv lite for the Dimocrisy. Here, sed I to myself, is richnis! Here is wat will wunst more fire the Democratic heart and rouse Dimokratic indignation. The

Dimocrisy must alluz hev an inferior race, and now that we've lost the nigger, Providence steps in at the nick uv time and furnishes us the Chinaman.

I sought out the Dimocratic Central committee uv our ward, and called a meetin uv "all labrin Amerikans uv the 6th Ward opposed to the interduckshen uv forin pauper labor into Ameriky." Teddy O'Ryan, wich runs the Shamrock S'loon next door to mine, and Dennis O'Shaughnessy, and Pat O'Flynn, and Jemmy O'Fallon, and Terrence McCoole, and Jemmy O'Brien, all uv em runnin S'loons in the block the Harp uv Erin is located in, entered into the matter with sperit. We're rivals in biznis, but, thank Heaven, in politics we kin act together ez a unit. Our interests are identikle.

We tried to git some shoemakers and brick masons and sich to attend the meetin, but they all insistid they wuz too bizzy.

In the evenin the meetin wuz convened in the back room uv the Harp uv Erin, Teddy O'Ryan in the chair, and Dennis O'Shaughnessy (bar tender for Pat O'Keefe), secretary. A committee on resolutions wuz appointed, consisting uv Jemmy O'Fallon, Patsey McShane, and Jimmy Sheeney.

The chairman remarkt that the comin uv the barbarious Chinese to the Eastern States hed filled him with profound alarm. Ez a labrin man he sollumly protested agin bringin forin pauper labor to these happy shores to compete with us. With all his sole he protested agin this importashun uv poverty-driven furriners to Ameriky. He hoped the meetin wood do its dooty in this matter. He wood interdooce to the meetin Mr. Jean Jacques La Tourette, a gentleman uv North Adams, Massychoosets, where this outrage agin Amerikin labor wuz bein perpetrated.

Mr. La Tourette riz and addresst the meetin in French, ez he coodent speak English, he hevin bin in this country only ten months. We procoored a Frenchman who cood speek English, who translated him for our benefit. Mr. La Tourette remarkt that the principal thing labrin men hed to contend with wuz importid pauper labor. The Chinese wich hed bin adventid in North Adams wuz a inferior race wich cood live on nothin, and cood consekently work for nothin. They hed none uv the habits and tastes uv civilization. They did not drink likker; in fact one uv em, Ching Choy, didn't know what likker wuz. (Expreshun uv disgust from the entire assembly.) One hundred uv his people hed bin indoost ten months ago to come to the Yoonitid States from Lower Canady by the promise uv ekal rites. Them wich emigrated with him from Lower Canady hedn't anythin in partikeler to eat in that country and still less to wear; in fact half uv em wuz bein supportid by the parish authorities. We come to the Yoonitid States, the manufacturers paying our fare on the railroads, expectin to find a land uv good wages and plenty. Wat hez bin the result? Why jest ez we hed all jined the Crispins, and established who shood and who shood not labor in North Adams, and likewise wat wages shood be paid, and how they shood be paid, but before we got control uv the books uv the concern, we are confronted with forrin pauper labor brought from a forrin shore, and we are out in the cold. Mr. La Tourette remarked that when he sed "we" he spoke uv his associates. He didn't labor hisself—he wuz a friend of humanity, whose biznis it wuz to organize laborin men agin the encroachments uv capital.

Dennis O'Shaughnessy, our sekretary wanted to know wat wages wuz paid them ignerant Chinese.

Mr. La Tourette ansered about 22 cents a day, wich anser, ez it wuz

considered essenshel to put on record, I wrote down, ez Mr. O'Shaughnessey's early educashen hed bin neglected. "Good Lord!" ejackilated Teddy Ryan, "that's only two drinks and a fifth! We want no sich labor ez that."

Father McGrath, after givin notice that next Sunday a beautiful gilt image of St. Boniface, wich hed bin presentid his church, wood be displayed for the adorashen uv the devout, demanded that the most stringentest laws should be passed preventin the immigrashen to this country uv heathen and idolators. He bleeved in religious tolerashen, but the idee uv a joss-house being erectid in Noo York filled him with alarm, and he wood prevent it by all the power uv the law.

Jemmy O'Fallon reportid the followin resolooshens:

Wereas, Certain blotid aristocrats in Massychoosits hev importid ignerant and degraded Chinese to take the place uv the labrers in that state, and

Wereas, The leaders uv the Dimocrisy uv Noo York is the espeshl champions uv labor, therefore by the leaders uv the Dimocrasy uv Noo York be it

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy hez alluz held that free labor is the safeguard uv Amerikin liberty, 'ceptin South uv Mason & Dixon's line, wher it hez alluz seemed to us that labor shood be owned by the most dominantest class.

Resolved, That the importashen uv forrin pauper labor into Massychoosits is an invashen uv the rites uv the Amerikin labrin class, wich shood be resistid to the death. (Cries uv "Good for yez, Jemmy!" "Bedad we'll all vote for thot!" "Let Jemmy O'Fallon alone for puttin a thing nately!" And under the excitement uv the moment the assemblage all jined in singin "The wearin uv the Green," ceptin La Tourette, who bust out into the Marseillaise hymn.)

Resolved, That to the end that labor in this country may be free and unrestrictid, we counsel our friends in North Adams to imejitly kill all the Chinese, and all others who consents to work with em.

Resolved, That Ameriky hez bin the refuge uv the opprest uv all nashens, and ez we are determined that it shall alluz be such, we protest agin any Chinese comin in on any terms whatever.

Letters endorsin wat we shood do for the coz uv labor wuz reseeved from Hon. John Morrissey, Hon. Benjamin Wood, Hon. Fernandy Wood and other distinguished friends uv labor.

Patsy McShane commenst a speech on the heenousnis uv importin pauper labor, wich wood hev hed a good effeck, blut Johnny McQuade, wich don't like him, interruptid by askin him how long ago it wuz that he and all his brothers and cousins wuz taken out uv a work-house in Ireland and hed their fare paid to this country by a raleroad company, and whether when he landid he hed a decent rag to his back or a cint in his pockit. Mr. McShane retorted by wantin to know ef the McQuades, ivery mother's son uv em, hedn't bin in the same fix. The argyment wuz conclooded by the two clinchin, and in a minit the entire assemblage wuz indulgin in ez bootiful a fite ez I hev ever seen in Noo York. Nevertheless good wuz accomplisht, ez we hev this labor movement fairly on its feet.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY LAMENTETH OVER THE ELECTION OF 1870 IN NEW YORK.

Harp uv Erin S'loon,
6th Ward, Noo York, November 12, 1870.

The eleckshun in Noo York is over for wich Heaven be praised. My sole sinks within me when I look back and think uv the alarmin progress

our wunst free country hez made in the direckshun uv despotism—how gradually but how shoorly our rites are bein wrested from us. The last eleckshun in Noo York wuz conducted in a manner wich calls a blush to my cheeks whenever I think uv it.

The tyrant and despot who sit entrenched in state in Washington pertected by bayonits hez persoomed to attempt to control an eleckshun by military power. Bayonits at an eleckshun! Bloo coated hirelins sent to a city to inflooence an eleckshun! Noo York votin—not ez she pleases—but according to a law uv Congress, sed law being enforced by a debased and degraded soljery! Ez an Amerikin citizen I shudder at this and so does Teddy O'Rourke and Tim O'Shaughnessy, wich wuz judges uv the eleckshun with me in our deestrick in the 6th Ward.

We hed bin notified by the chiefs uv Tammany the day before the eleckshun that soljers hed bin sent to the city whose biznis it wood be to see that everybody voted who wanted to, and that we musn't refoose noboddy. We took our seats in the mornin in a state uv mental depreshun wich may be imagined, but can't be described. From time immemoral this deestrick hed bin yoonanimusly Dimocratic, and it wuz the pride uv the Dimocrisy to keep it so. They hed a simple rool by wich it wuz managed. Ef a man offered a vote whose name didn't begin with an O' or a Mc he wuz requested by the challengers to show his tickit to them. Ef he refoosed, or, in the event uv his complying, ef it wuz anything but the strate Tammany ticket, he wuz clubbed about the head till he came to the conclooshun that he didn't care about votin, and got away ez soon ez possible.

But all this was to be changed by the exercise uv broot forse on the part uv the tyrant Grant, and we hed bin notified to yield to it! O'Shaughnessy and O'Rourke wept like children. There is in the deestrict some thirty niggers, and the boys hed procoored clubs uv sooperior strength and length, expressly to meet the exigencies uv that case. The polls bein at my place, I hed procoored three barrels uv a pecoolyer whiskey with red pepper in it to inflame em to the proper pitch for sich an emergency, and our other preparashens for a fair eleckshun were made in a most complete manner.

We sat behind the ballot-box—me and O'Rourke and O'Shaughnessy. Before the box stands Patsy Farrel, Timmy O'Ryan, Jimmy Donahue and a score uv others, all with a dozen drinks in em and new clubs in their hands. Up comes a man and offers a vote, givin his name ez Thompson. Last year the man by the name uv Thompson wood hev bin pounded into a jelly before the word hed escaped his mouth, for he wuz born in Connecticut, and sich hez never bin allowed to vote at these polls. I see by the ticket wich he hands me that its a Republican ticket. Patsey Farrel raises his club, but I warn him by a look not to strike. I take the vote, put it in the box, with a sinkin sensashun at the pit uv my stomick, and Thompson goes away unhurt. The knowledge that the poundin uv Thompson wood bring down upon us the bloo coted hirelins uv the military despotism under wich we live, subjects the deestrick to the disgrace uv receivin a Republikin vote from a Connecticut man! Good Lord! are we in free Ameriky or Austria? Free Ameriky, forsooth!

But it didn't end with Thompson. Niggers came up and voted. The inferior race hed the impoodence to fall into line with white men, and vote after them and before them. This cost us at least one hundred votes. Teddy O'Donnel hed voted twice on a contract he hed to vote eight times

t this polls. It so happened that each time he came up there wuz a nig-
er before him in the line, and one behind him. The third time he came up
o vote the third name on his list, it wuz ez before—he wuz sandwiched
n between two niggers. Indignant at this (and who kin blame him?), Ted-
ly askt me ef this thing wuz to go all day? ef he wuz to be compelled
o put in his other five votes behind a nigger each time, and be perventid
ll day from killin one uv em?

I soothed Teddy all I cood. I told him how it wuz—the situashen we
vuz in, and begged him to be pashent and endoor wat he coodent help.

But he woodent. The chivalric nacher uv the man wuz so stirred up
hat he refoozed to vote agin. Rather than hev him lose his day's work
took the five votes at wunst and certified for him that he hed voted em
z per contract, that he mite draw his money. I wuz not altogether dis-
nterested in this either. The entire sum will be in my till in less than a
veek, for Teddy's wife manages to keep the children clothed, wich leaves
im entirely free uv the more grovelin cares uv life.

But I want it distinctly understood that this interference uv the oli-
gark at Washington didn't affect the general result a par-
icle. We didn't count the votes till late at nite, after
Tweed hed heard from the rural deestricks. A messenger come into the
oom and announced that everything wuz ready now to be counted.

"How much majority do you require uv me?"

"Lemme see," said the messenger, running his finger down a list, "this
s the sixteenth districk uv the 6th Ward. You are set down for 312 major-
ty. Did you pole that number uv votes?"

"No! only 270, and uv that number probably 40 wuz for Woodford."

"That don't matter. Count em 312, and all for Hoffman. We hev bin
oosin in some uv the rooral deestricks, and in some uv the wards in the
ity, and it must be made up."

This is perhaps ez shoor a way uv doin it ez the other, but it isn't ez
atisfactory to the people. It does away with the services uv a great many
epeeters, wich hev alluz made a livin by votin, and ez ther ain't no fight-
n at the polls, a great many shoulder hitters lack employment. Then
gin, it is open to another objeckshun. We made the vote in this deestrick
oonanimus for Hoffman. There hez more than thirty men of the dees-
rick who hev come out in the papers statin that they voted for Woodford,
with a view uv makin trouble. Uv course, it won't amount to anything,
or we run the courts and everything else in the state, but it's onpleasant
nd disagreeable. Ef these fellows hed bin knocked on the head when they
ffered their votes, ez hez bin the custom, they wood not be able to say
ow that they actilly voted for Woodford.

But all this trouble results from the apathy and cowardis uv the
Dimocrisy themselves. Hed we hed the nerve to hev shouldered muskits
n 1864, and rescood Richmond from the grasp uv the Ablishnists—ef we
ed establisht the Confederacy ez we shood hev done, we never shood hev
een our rites goin from us one by one. But we didn't do it, and we are drift-
n into a worse than despotism. In Noo York alone hev we any rites, and
hem is bein assailed perpetooally. I shoodent wonder ef at the next eleck-
hun a Federal officer shood hev the countin uv the ballots!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY, DISGUSTED WITH LIFE, LEAVES NEW YORK FOREVER.

Noo York, Dec. 12, 1870.

The Harp uv Erin S'loon is no more! The fire on its harth hez gone out—there is ashes there now—the lamp is lit no more, and in the place uv pleasant lite there is darknis. The bar is closed and the cheerful gurgle uv the bottles shel be heerd no more forever.

The owner uv the bildin, Mr. Patrick Donahue, in wich the Harp uv Erin S'loon wuz locatid, wuz a candidate for Skool Eggsaminer, and he expected to get the posishen confidently. He hed bin in this country three years last Joon, and hed prospered. The eggstraordinary feet uv votin twelve times the first eleckshen he participatid in brought him into notis, and gave him a contract for fittin up an armory, on wich he made enuff to purchis this bildin. To widen his politikle inflooence and to sekoor a place ez Skool Eggsaminer, Mr. Donohoe fitted up the room in wich I started the Harp uv Erin, and leased it to me, reservin to himself the direckshun and control uv the voters wich the bar controlled, and also the privilege uv his own likker at cost. So long ez his prospecks wuz brite he did not ask me for rent, but after the late eleckshun there wuz a change. Tweed give the place he wanted to another man who hed adoptid this country sence, who controlled two corner sloons and consekently hed more inflooence, and the enraged Mr. Donohoe came down on me for rent immejitly. I coodent pay. Owin to the fact that the tyranicle Federal Government preventid repeetin at the last eleckshun by broot force, there wuz absolootly no money among my people, not a dollar. They hed all depended on receiving their yoosual pay for their fall's work, but their hopes wuz blasted. When I shoved my bills at em, they laft me to skorn.

"Present it to the tyrant Grant wich preventid me from earnin any money on last eleckshun day!" wuz the invariable reply.

Then I flew to my books, to see wat prominent workin Dimocrats owed me besides those wich I hed seen. I took my memorandum and called off the names, and my assistant, wich knows everybody, informed me uv their whereabouts as follows:

"Patsey McGrath?"

"In the State's Prison."

"Dinnis McFadden?"

"He's in the State's Prison."

"Peter McGinnis?"

"In the State's Prison."

"Timmy McShane?"

"In the State's Prison."

"Tom Barker?"

"Bein tried for a State's Prison offence."

And so on through the entire list. The half of these men were servin out their time for various offences, sich az house-breakin and highway robbery, and tother half, I ascertained, for violashens uv eleckshun laws. That last fact decided me that Noo York wuz no place for me, and that there wuz nothin worth livin for. When Tammany can't, or won't pertect its friends, I hev no heart to stay and work for her.

While in this deprest condishun Donahue come in agin.

"Pay yoor rent!" sez he.

"Base is the slave wich pays," I retorted.

"Yoo hev the rent wich is doo me ready by to-morrow mornin, or I'll bundle yoo out of this, neck and crop!" he returned, flingin hisself out uv the room in rage.

"Ha! Ha!" I laffed, sardonically. "Will yoo bundle me out—will yoo? This property is yoors—this bar and these fixters. Ha! ha! Yoo come to-morrer mornin, and see wat yoo will see."

My mind wuz very promptly made up. I determined to make a holocost uv myself—to commit sooicide—and to do it in sich a way as to make my endin more glorious than my life had been. I determined to burn the bildin and expire in the flames. Calmly and deliberately I proceeded to construct my funeral pile. The counter and shelves I tore down and broke them up ez fine ez I cood, and piled the fragments into the middle in the floor. I took from the wall my lithograffed portrates uv Andru Jackson, J. Davis, Salmon P. Chase and Geo. H. Pendleton, and remorselessly mashed them over the pile. The five glasses belongin to the establishment followed soot, and the three decanters and the box uv pipes were involved in the gineral rooin. The stove I upset and broke, and the pipe I mashed ez flat ez I cood with my heels. To complete the pyramid, I rolled out the red-headed barel from under the bar, and up-ended that upon the top uv the pile uv rooins, my intenshun bein to seat myself on the top uv the barrel, and settin the pie on fire, go up amid appropriate surroundins, like Sardonapulis, who died amid the blaze uv the emblems uv his lost empire.

Ez I rolled the barrel, I heerd a gentle swash inside. Thank Heaven! there wuz still likker inside uv it! Cood I lose that? No, indeed! I drawd it off into a bottle; there wuz just a quart and a half uv it. I mounted the barrel, sung two verses uv the last campane song ez my dyin dirge, and puttin the bottle to my lips, swallered the contents, intendin to touch off the pile with a match.

It wuz fortunate for the insurance companies that that bottle contained jest a quart and a half. That quantity is jest a pint over my load, and to that fact the bildin owes its safety. I tried to strike a match, but failed miserably. I lost control uv my muscles. My brained reeled, my unsteddy hand grew powerless, and I sank back over the rooins insensible.

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I wuz awakened in the mornin, by a series uv vishus, vigrus and well directid kicks. M. Donohue stood over me administerin uv em, with a will and a unckshen that wuz wonderful in one so aged. He hed suspected that suthin wuz wrong; hed bustid in the door, and hed found me on top uv his wreckt property. I respectid his greef, and left his premises without reproachin uv him—I did not even resent his last kick wich he gave me to assist me off the doorstep. I simply picked myself up out uv the gutter, and walked slowly and with dignity away.

I shel work my way back to Kentucky; indeed I never shood hev left there. I shel throw myself on the tender mercies uv Deekin Pogram and Bascom, and ef they refooze to take me to their buzzoms, I shell find me another Cross Roads where I shel set up my tabernacle. Ef I kin git a strate Dimocratic congregashen to preach to, I shel do it, for I prefer the clerical perfeshen; ef not, I shel start a grocery in some strictly Democratic community where the soil is strong and rich enuff to perdoose good crops without any work but plantin, wich the wimin can do.

I leeve Noo York forever. I bid Tweed and his servis adoo. I go never to return no more.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY RETURNS TO THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 8th, 1871.

"Home again! home again! from a furrin shore!" Thank Hevin. I'm wunst more on familyer ground—among the people wich I know thoroly, and who know and appresiate me. "My foot is on my native heath, and my name's McGregor!" Thank the Lord for Kentucky, and pertikelerly thank the Lord for that pertikeler village in it—Confedrit X Roads!

I arrived here last night at percisely eight o'clock, from Washinton Rite here I desire to express my opinion uv the railroad offishels betwixt Washinton and Looisville. There isn't a man among em wich is actoo ated by humane impulses—not one wich has the finer feelings uv humanity. The brootality with wich the conducters wood order two uv ther minyuns to seeze me and drop me off ther tranes becoz I didn't have the rekisit funds to pay my fare, wuz hidjus in the extreem. And I can't say much more for the passengers—pertikelerly them wich sat in seets contiguous. The irate conductor would frown—the brakemen ez they seezed me wood wear a pleased expression, but the passengers wood laff outrite. Sich triflin with one's poverty is inhuman. But the soulless corporashens coodent pervent me from walkin on ther tracks—nor cood the conductors git me off ther train till I hed rid a haff dozen miles. Joodishus and vehement swearin that I hed a tickit about me somewhere—and a protracted search for it wunst saved me 8 miles uv tejus walkin.

Foot sore and weary I at last hove in site uv the Cross Roads, and made all speed for the Centre. All wuz still! The houses on each side uv the street wuz dark (for they won't yoose coal oil and sense they hev bin bereft uv ther niggers they hevn't raised hogs enuff to afford lard for lamps), but jist ahed, shinin like a beekon lite, wuz the cheerful winders uv Bascom's, all ablaze. Ez I seed them winders I cood realize the feelins uv the tempest-tost mariner makin harbor, or a traveler on the great desert approachin an oasis in wich ther wuz a gushin spring uv water.

It was Bascom's! Ther wuz the two winders all aglow! ther wuz the familyer clap-board a hangin by one nail! there wuz old Evans a bein histed out becoz he took a drink without havin the money to pay for it. Everythin wuz nateral and normal. Neerer! neerer! I cood gaze thro them winders! Ther wuz Bascom behind the bar a leenin on his elbows; there was Deekin Pogram a sittin on a cheer by the fire with a glass uv hot whiskey in his hand—ther wuz McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, Pennibacker—all, all uv em a sittin by the fire, and all of em with hot whiskey in ther hands. I entered, but none uv em recognized in the travel-worn stranger the once rosy Nasby, and none uv em moved.

"Don't yoo know me—Nasby?"

"Git out, yoo imposter!" sed they all in korious.

"It is—no, it isn't—and yet!" sed Bascom, "I'll test him. Whisky, did yoo say?" and he set out the familyer bottle.

It wuz a critikle moment—my identity wuz at stake. Assoomin the

blank old expression, I poured the glass full, and drank it off without a wink. "G. W.," sed I with my old majestic wave uv the hand, "G. W., mark it down."

"'Tis he! 'tis he!" ejackilated Bascom. "No other man livin kin do that in that way. Take another."

Wich, I did.

The delite uv Deekin Pogram at seein me wuz techin. The old man throwd his wastid arms about my neck, spillin his likker down my back inside uv wher my shirt collar ought to hev bin, and wep for joy. The stream uv hot whiskey meandered slowly down my body. "I wood prefer it shood go down inside," I sed; "but never mind. It's not all wastid—I shell absorb some uv it." Kernel McPelter, Elder Pennibacker and Issaker Gavitt crowded up and congratulâtid me on my return in the most corjel manner.

"We knowd yood come back!" sed Issaker, "no one ever leaves the Cross Roads wich don't come back."

"Troo! too troo!" remarkt that cuss, Joe Bigler, who entered at that moment; "the man wich lives six years with sich ez yoo, and acquires yoor habits, can't live anywhere else, that is within the bounds uv civilizashen."

I found things at the Corners very much ez I hed left em. My pertikler friends wuz all livin, and goin on percisely ez they alluz hed. Joe Bigler wuz still alive, and wuz recognized ez the leader uv the niggers at the Corners, and Pollock wuz still retailin goods to em.

They hed hed several exciting seasons. Pollock hed bought, a year ago, a water power on Buck Creek, neer the village, and a farm âdjinin, and he made a strenuous effort to start an iron works on it. The innovatin wretch hed gone on to Massychoosits—hed enlisted a passel of Yankee capitalists in the enterprise, and they hed absolootly gone on and built the buildin and got in the heft uv the machinery, and wuz gatherin up operatives in the East to set it in operashen. Issaker Gavitt diskivered one day that the few mechanics they hed read noosepapers, and Bascom found that there wuzn't a Dimocrat among them. The Corners felt outraged uv course and a meetin wuz called to take measures to stop it rite wher it wuz. Pollock and Joe Bigler sneaked into the meetin, and undertook to talk em out uv it.

"It'll double the price uv yoor land!" sed Pollock.

"And give the Ablishnists more valuashen to tax us on!" sung out Issaker Gavitt.

"I shel never leeve my land—" commenst Pogram.

"It's leevin yoo devlish fast, owin to yoor chronic thirst," interrupted Joe Bigler. "Deekin, wats the yoose uv yoor speekin in the land interest? Ef yoor venerable bilers hold together a few short months Bascom will hev wat few akers yoo hev left. Let him represent it."

"Ez I shel never leeve my land," continyood the venerable Deekin, "wat do I keer wat its vallyoo is?"

"It'll break up our customs," sed Pennibacker. "They'll git turnpikes and ralerodes and skool-houses in next, and then wat quiet will we hev?"

"But, Bascom, it'll make more customers for yoor bar," sung out Bigler.

"Troo, but ther'd be more groceries to supply em. No! I hev all that I kin take keer uv, and I don't want no more. Down with these interlopers."

"Down with the interlopers!" sang out all uv em, and headed by the venerable old Pogram they went for the works.

They hacked down the corner-posts—they tore off the roof, they ripped out the machinery that wuz in it, and broke it up, and wuz about to throw it into the Creek, when Bascom shouted in a loud voice:

"Old iron is worth two cents a pound at my bar!"

Deekin Pogram stood with a seckshun uv a wheel uplifted ready to hurl it into the water, but at these magic words he held his hands.

"G. W.," said the agid saint. "G. W., will yoo give us likker at reglar rates for sich iron ez we bring yoo, or will yoo mock our yernins by takin the iron and givin us credit for it on account? G. W., speak!"

"I'll give likker for it!" exclaimed Bascom. "I'd rather do that than to keep on chargin."

"Immejitly there wuz a scramble for the iron—it wood buy likker, and wuz at wunst a preshus metal. In ther zeal to gather it they come to blows. Issaker Gavitt and Kernel McPelter fought over a piece that weighed ten pounds, and that old ass, Elder Pennebacker, neerly drowndid hisself divin for a seckshun uv a balance wheel that he hed previously thrwed into 15 feet uv water. He wuz pulled out neerly dead and weepin perfusely.

"It weighed 300 pounds," he gasped. "Ef I cood hev raised it, I cood hev kep comfable four days."

They laft at him, but it wuz wrong, and hed I bin there I shood hev rebooked em. I know wat it is to go without any reglar rashens, and wat a cruel disappointment it is to see four days' supply within sight, but jest out of reach. I shood hev gone for that iron myself.

They made a clean thing of the works. They tore down the bildin, and tore up the dam, and destroyed the cabins uv the workmen. The company and Pollock became disheartened, and wisely conclooded not to rebild, and so the Corners wuz saved.

The Radicals hed attempted to hev the niggers vote and a mishnary sosiety hed undertook to bild a skool-house. The niggers did vote, for Joe Bigler stood at the poles threatenin to shoot the judges ef the vote uv a single one uv em wuz refoosed, but it didn't amount to anything. The judges took the box to a quiet place, where Joe coodn't get at em, and threw out every one uv ther votes. The skool-house wuz more easily disposed uv. Ez fast ez the mishnaries wood bild a bildin, it wood mysteriously take fire at 3 a. m. and quietly consoom. The Sosiety got tired uv tryin to revolutionize the Corners and abandoned it.

Ez these things wuz told me, I wept teers uv joy. "Yoo hev kept the faith," I sed, "jest ez well ez tho I hed bin with yoo. Bless yoo!—bless yoo!" We didn't break up till late in the nite. In honor uv my arrival Deekin Pogram squandered the last piece uv cast-iron he hed left—a part uv a lathe wich he hed bin savin for some desprit emergency. I went home with him, and am yet domiciled under his hospitable roof.

Wat I shel finally do ain't settled. I may organize a church—the people wanted me to start a grocery in opposishen to Bascom, but when I askt em to advance the capital they askt wherefore? "Ef I hed capital," they all exclaimed in unison, "I'd start a grosery myself."

And then I found that the reason why they wantid a new grosery wuz Bascom's growin indishposishen to give long credit, wich the Corners must hev. I kin see nothin in it. Bascom hez alreddy a first mortgage on all the land for five miles about, and ez they ain't got no niggers to work

uv course they get no crops uv any akkount. Bascom sez ef they want a church organizashen, he will keep me in likker, that is modritly, pervided the others will give me wat little I want to eat, and I spose that's wat I shel hev to do till suthin better turns up. But thank Heaven I am here, and it will be singler ef I don't find enuff to drink, and to eat, and to wear.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
(wich wuz Postmaster).

THE CORNERS ACCEPT THE "PASSIVE POLICY."

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 24, 1871.

We hev heard uv Ohio, Pennsylvany, Noo York, and a number uv other states, at the Corners, and are satisfied that suthin hez got to be done for the Dimocrisy. The entire yoonanimity with wich the country hez pernounst agin us, is one of the most remarkable things wich ever occurred to me. I endoored Ohio; I stood firm under Pennsylvania, but when Noo York went agin us, I felt that all wuz lost, when the Dimocrisy uv Noo York lose confidence in Tweed to the extent uv jinin hands with the Ablishnists. I felt that it wuz uv little difference wat happened thereafter, and I took my drinks mechanically, like one stunned. So dazed wuz I that for a week after the elections, I didn't accept invitashuns to drink over half the time.

I notice that the Noo York World and other leadin Dimocratic papers are urgin the policy uv not nominatin a Dimocratic candidate for President in 1872, but uv allowin the Dimocrisy and all the elements wich don't like Grant, to yoonite and run a Independent candidate. I agree with the World. I am satisfied that the Dimocrisy kin never elect a Dimocrat in 1872. It seems clear to me that the indicashens are that the people don't want no Dimocrat to fill that posishen, and I am content to bow to the will uv he people. The Dimocrisy alluz bow cheerfully to the will uv the people when they can't possibly rebel, and that appears to be our situashen jist now. I therefore accept the passive policy, and am convinst that the Dimocrisy shood not, as a party, nominate a candidate for the Presidency, but shel, to save the country from impendin rooin, relinquish their party organizashen, and co-operate with sich uv the Republikins ez are dissatisfied with the Administrashen, to overthrow the present tyrannical Administrashen and inoggerate a reign uv purity. My noshen wuz eminently strategical. It wuz to make a platform, wich sed nothin in pertikeler, and put onto it a man nobody ever heerd uv, and depend for the fucher upon the fact that he hed bin elected by Dimocrats, and wood hev to take his tone from them.

I communicated this idea to the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and a meetin wuz held to give shape to our thought on this subject. I opened the ball by introdoosin the folleren resolooshen:

Whareas, It seems tolably certin that ef we, the Dimocrisy, shood nominate a candidate, he wood, in all human probabilities, be whaled out uv his boots, and

Whareas, While we ought to be somewhat yoosed to the whalin process by this time, we hev never yet got to likin it, therefore

Resolved, By the Dimocrisy uv the Confedrit X Roads, that in their opinion, the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonited States, in a sperit uv liberality,

and actooated solely by a desire to rescue the country from impendin da
ger, shood decline to make nominashens for the offices uv President a
Vice President, but shel jine hands with dissatisfied Republikins, Labor R
formers, Temperance men, Civil Service Reformers, and sich other pe
ple ez object to Radicalism, on the basis, solely, uv opposishen to Rad
calism.

Here the thing shood hev ended. This resolooshen shood hev pass
and the meetin shood hev adjourned. But Deekin Pogram hed got a ma
got in his head, and he wantid a resolooshen added ez follows:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy will not ask for the nominashen uv
Dimocrat, but they must insist that the nominee pledge hisself to undy
hostility to the 14th and 15th amendments, and to all the measures uv r
construckshen, inventid and enforced by the Republikin party, and
short the entire Radical policy concernin the nigger, from the Emancip
shen proclamashen down to date.

And the idiots passed it yoonanimously, and before the Deekin h
sunk into his seat, Bascom, to my horror, moved the adopshen uv th
resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy will not ask the nominashen uv a Dim
crat, but the nominee uv the jint allies must pledge hisself to the rep
diashen uv the unholy nashnel debt, and to all the finanshel measur
uv this administrashen and that uv the late A. Linkin. Ef is is consider
advisable not to go the whole figger uv repoodiashen, the nominee sh
pledge hisself to at least make the debt worthless by adoptin Pendl
ton's greenback dodge or suthin equivalent.

That wuz adoptid with loud cheers, despite all I cood do, and immejit
Capt. McPelter arose. He sed he wuz pleased at the perceedins. The li
erality uv the Dimocrisy in surrenderderin their organizashen, uv layin
he mite say, on the altar uv their country could not be too highly co
mended. He wood sejest, tho, that the nominee, whoever he might b
shood be required to pledge hisself to prokoor the repeal uv all Ku Klu
legislashen, to never in any way interfere with the whites uv the South
wat they might desire to do, and pertikelerly to hev to wunst the ta
on whisky and tobacco repeeled.

There wuz no yoose of tryin to stop it and I didn't. Elder Penniback
wuz satisfied to nominate some one not a Dimocrat, but the convensh
wich nominated him should put him on a platform in wich Free Trade, o
position to National Banks, and State Rites shood be the princip
planks. It wood be a severe trial for him to vote for a man who wuzn
a Democrat, but on these condishuns he wuz willin to make the sacrific
Issaker Gavitt then sprang to his feet and remarkt that he had a wo
to add; we had been in the valley and shadder so long that he wuz will
to make a sacrifice uv his feelins. He wood vote for a man who wuz not
Democrat, but—on this pint he wuz inflexible—the Post Offices must be
the hands uv Democrats, and not only the Post Offices but the other office
("Hear! hear!" from every man in the room who had lent me money, Ba
com's voice being heard above the others.) This wuz his ultimatum.
the nominees of the allied forces will accept the condishuns laid down t
night, and pledge hisself fully and unreservedly on this pint, he wuz h
man, but not otherwise. He wuz not too proud to say that he want
his collectorship back, ez McPelter wants his assessorship, and our belov
parson his post office. Without them uv wat avail iz triumphs? Paul m
plant and Apollos may water, but uv wat avail is the plantin and water
unless we get the increase?

I lay back in my seat, gaspin with rage, when Joe Bigler, the especial pest uv the Corners, ariz. He remarkt that he hed never in the whole course uv his life, seen sich a self-sacrificin body uv men. The spectacle of a Kentucky Democrat who cood voluntarily perpose to vote for a man who wuz not a Democrat, wuz one calculated to make saints weep with joy and angels shout "glory." He knowd the Dimocrisy uv the country wood accept the ackshen, for ef they didn't happen to like the nominee, the resolooshen passed, wich the sed nominee wood hev to accept, wood kiver him like a cloak. It wuz a wise policy, and one wich wood win. The Dimocrats cood vote for the platform, and the others for the man, and so all cood be satisfied. But he wuzn't agoin to allow the Dimocrisy to be so severely tried. Ther wuz but one man in the Yoonitid States fit to stand on sich a platform, and he insisted that that man shood be declared ez the choice uv this meetin for the nominashen. That man he wuz proud to say wuz Jefferson Davis.

I sprang to my feet to stop this, but it wuz too late. The Cross Roads hev bin so long in the habit uv hurrahin at the bare meshun uv that name that the wildest shouts rung through the meetin-house, and when Bigler moved that his resolooshen be added to the others and they be adoptid ez a whole, the vote wuz emphatic and yoonanimous, and the meeting immediately adjourned.

It wuz no use to abuse anybody, and I didn't. Wat does Bascom, Gavitt, Deekin Pogram and McPelter know uv the country outside uv the Corners?—wat do they know uv politikle strategy? I did intimate to Joe Bigler wat business he hed in a Dimocratic meetin, to wich he replied, "Bless you, Parson, I thought it wuz a meetin uv dissatisfied Republikins ez well ez Dimocrats."

The resolooshens, Davis and all, will, I suppose, be publisht all over the North, wich, uv course, ends my hopes uv a independent party movement.

Will it be any better in the Nashnel Independent Convenshun? Kin we nominate sich a man ez Chase, for instance, without so kivrin him with Dimocrisy ez to make him smell jest ez fragrant ez tho he hed alluz bin with us? Ain't our party run by Pograms and Bascoms and Gavitts? I fear so.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

Beet Station,
(Wich is in the State uv Illinoy),
October 4, 1873.

I hev appealed to the people a great many times in my day, generally with very poor success. The people hev a most disgustin habit of payin no attenshun watever to my appeals—in fact, ef they notis them at all, it is generally to go and do precisely the opposite uv wat I want 'em to do. But I'm goin for em agin.

Men and brethren: Only about two weeks elapse afore the eleckshuns take place in several uv the States, and in November the balance uv em hist their ballots. The question wich I put to yoo is, how are yoo goin to discharge this momenchus dooty?

I implore yoo ez yoo love yoor country, to restore to power the anshent Democracy, for wich I urge the following reasons;

1st. The Democratic party is an honest party—that is so far as th Nashnel Treasury is concerned. Sence 1861 the Democratic party he: no robberies uv the Nashnel Treasury to anser for, onless it may be a fev millions doorin that oasis, Androo Johnson's administrashen. Our hand: hev been clean for twelve yeers—and our pockets likewise. Ef yoo asl why our hands are clean—I shel refooze to anser. Ef yoo remark that w haint stole nothin coz we didn't hev a chance, I shel pint proudly to th fact that for twelve yeers—ceptin doorin Johnson's administrashen—ou hands hez bin clean, and shel demand that we be recognized ez the part uv purity.

2. In the Democratic party ther kin be no starvashen for the want u principles. We hev the largest stock uv prinsiples and the most divers that wuz ever offered by any party since parties wuz invention. We ca accommodate the most fastidyus and soot any taste. To the farmer o Illinoy and Iowa who is sufferin frm the extorshen uv railroads, we he sich sympathisers with labor ez Ignashus Donnelly, and me, who exten our callused hands and jine with em in the name of Dimocrisy in de mandin releef from the monopolies wich is eatin em up. In Noo York an the East, where we are somewat interested in railroads, we offer the peopl Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, and me,, who hev no hesitashen in sayin that e railroads is the very foundation uv the prosperity uv the country, he wh wood lift his hand agin em is an agrarian disturber. We offer the farmer uv the West free trade with our rite hand, and the manufacturers u Noo England and Pennsylvania, a high protective tariff with our left. W accept nigger suffrage in the North, and damn it in the South, doin bot with a vehemence that sometimes surprizes me. In Noo York we deman addishnel banks—in the West we want hard money—on the lakes and riv ers we alluz will demand internal improvements—on the broad prairies w denounce any sich swindlin uv the people at large to build up pertikla seckshuns.

In short, like a second-hand clothin store, we hev an assortment u everything, wich enables everybody to pick out eggsackly wat soots hin

Doth the capchus critic observe that there is a loosenis in this? Not a all. Ef A. B. wants to go to the legislacher or to be county treasurer it A. B.'s bizness to ascertane wot the people beleeve, and then perceed t immejitly bleeve it hisself. That's wot A. B. wants to do. And that is wo we are a goin to do. We want to go to the legislacher in Ohio to ele Thurman to the Senit, and in the other States we want the offises, and th fust dooty we owe to ourselves is to find how to accomplish them ends.

We can't afford any other polisy. We hev bin eatin grass too lon We hev bin in the Nebuckednezzer bizness too long. We want the oats an corn uv the public crib—we want to hev and hold offises. I want th Postoffis at the Corners agin. Capt. McPelter wants to be Assessor, an Issaker Gavitt, Collector. Bascom desires this, that once more he kin he money paid him for the likker we drink, insted uv bein compelled to hea day after day, the disgustin sound, "chalk it down." Sence we wuz pu out uv them places by the tyrant Grant that man's outlay for chalk he been fearful.

The time hez come for a change in the administrashen uv public a fairs. We want a complete, sweepin change. We want Reform—that wot we want. Boss Tweed sez so, and so does John Morrissey, Oak Hall and Lew Campbell. We want purity in place—ef yoo don't believe ask eny one uv the crowd that went out with Johnson. Doolittle, uv Wi

consin wants no more rings. Dick Connolly insists on puttin down corrupshun, and Donnelly, uv Minnesota, demands that the Augean stables shel be cleaned.

Ez for me there must be a change in the postoffice at the Corners, or our liberties will be endangered. I don't deny that nigger Lubbock runs the postoffis at the Corners to the satisfaction uv the people who get mail matter there, but I do deny that the emoluments of the place are properly placed. That nigger is puttin his salary into a house for himself, while Bascom is languishin for the money I shood spend with him ef I hed the place. Is it to continue thus?

Men and brethren, hev pity on us. For twelve long years we hev supt sorrer, slept on stones, breakfasted on woe, and dined on greef. We hev gone down from old whiskey to new, from new to alkohol dilootiu, and there is danger uv our gettin down finelly to coal oil raw. We ask yoo to lift us out. Give us a show. In the counties where the Democrats hev a tickit, vote for it. In counties where the thing is runnin independent, vote the independent tickit. All roads from the Republican camp leads to ours. Come over and help us! Help us to carry the eleckshuns this fall that we may hev suthin to go on in the next Presidential eleckshun. Then shel every sloon keeper in the country rise up and call yoo blessed, and so shel all the noble army who hev wept and refoozed to be comfortid. They hev stood over agin the supplies till they hev been redoost to mere shadders, and a little while more uv it will finish em. Come up and save em. May the hearts uv the people be tetched.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE OHIO ELECTION—1873.

(The Ohio state election, October, 1873, resulted in the election of William Allen, Democrat, as governor, by a plurality of only 817 over Gen. Edward F. Noyes, Republican, and a Democratic legislature as well. This was the first Democratic victory in Ohio after the war, and Mr. Nasby, as will be seen, was enthusiastically and characteristically happy thereat.)

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 16, 1873.

I am back agin in my old home, and onct more, thank Heaven, in my proper character uv a Dimocrat. The minute the election in Ohio wuz over I dropped the Grange biznis, never to take it up agin, onless, that is, the necessities uv the Democrasy are sich ez to make it necessary. In that grand old coz I kin do anything—suffer anything—bear anything.

The result uv the election in Ohio filled us with joy onutterable. To think that the State uv Ohio, wich persekooted the saints durin the war, wich sent out soljers agin the South by the hundred thousand, wich refoosed to accept the sainted Johnson, and wich give the tyrant and the butcher Grant sich enormous majorities both times—to think uv that state electin a Dimocratic legislacher, is enuff to make one's blood bile with ecstacy.

Deekin Pogram, Kernel McPelter, Issaker Gavitt and Bascom jined in the general rejoicin. Bascom, in pertikeler, was enthoosiastic. He made his bar free for that nite, or wat wuz the same thing in effect—he give us unlimited credit.

To say that this result fills me with ecstacy is to very mildly express my feelins. I cast a prophetic eye forrerd, and wot do I see? Under twelve glasses uv Bascom's newest and wildest, I set me down and see many things:

I see a revival uv the Dimocratic party uv the olden time, rallied under the old prinsiples uv that great organization, wich is not dead, tho it wuz amost.

I see Noo York a follerin Ohio back into the Dimmecratic fold.

I see a legislacher in Albany wich shel hev therein anybody that Tammany selecks, and the great old Empire State shel pass agin under their rool.

I see Boss Tweed, and Connolly and Okey Hall dragged out uv obskoority and brot to the front.

I shel see the Catholic vote fastened to us with hooks uv steel; for the priests and bishops shel hev all that they ask for, and the O'Shaughnessys, and O'Tooles and MickFaddens shel hev all the minor offises, ez uv old.

I see the Dimocrisy uv five years ago controlling all the boards in Noo York, and them wich wuz expelled from power, put back agin, stronger than before.

I see in 1876 a Dimocratic President, backed by a Dimekratic Congress, which the same will make it lively for the Ethiopian.

I see the old Confedrit heroes restored to ther former places, and the revenge they want accomplished.

I see Kernel McPelter assessor, Issaker Gavitt collector, and my old quarters in the Post Offis, wich know me not now, shel know me forever.

I see Bascom smilin behind his bar—for he shel be paid for his likker.

I see Davis, Dean and sich in the Senit, and them ez hez bin waitin given the places they hev hungered for.

I see the British importers furnishin us with money, and the hauty manufacturers uv Noo England, and Pennsylvany, grovelin in the dust.

I see the paternage uv the government is safely in our hands, never to be disturbed till we hev made our respective piles.

I see onlimited plunder for the faithful, and a sufficient multiplyin uv offises to give us all one.

I see the nigger disfranchised, and the Northern man hustled out uv the South ez tho he wuz a pestilence.

I see the Dimekratic papers filled with government advertisin, and the mouths of their editors stopped with sinekures.

I see a Dimekratic ring in each custom house, and every officer thereof clothed in purple and fine linen, and drinkin only shampane.

I see the South restored to her former posishen, a dictatin the policy uv the government, and a runnin uv it ez she did in the pammy days afore she wuz crushed under the iron heel uv of despotism.

I shood hev gon on seein things hed not Bascom remarkt, "Now, boys, one more drink to the old party;" a remark, I may say, that wood stop me from a dream of immortal glory. That drink finished me, and I fell out uv my chair and on his floor dreamed till mornin of Dimocratic triumphs.

May my fond antissipashuns be realized. Dimocrats of Noo York, it rests with yoo!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz P. M.)

MR. NASBY RECEIVES AN APPOINTMENT.—TREACHERY!

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 24, 1874.

The Corners wuz wild with delite last week at learnin that I hed received the appointment of freight and passenger agent at Secessionville, the nearest railroad pint to us. There ain't no freight ever shipped from Secessionville, and the passenger traffic is limited, but a agent is necessary, and I wuz surprised that I wuz appinted ez sich. In this case, for the first time in my life, the offis sought the man, and not the man the offis, for I knowd nuthin about it till it wuz done. The fust idee I hed uv it, wuz receivin a letter thro the mail, from the president uv the company, givin me the place, and directin me to take possession within a week.

I immediately segested to Deekin Pogram, Bascom and Issaker Gavitt, that ez I wuz to leave the Corners for a noo field of yoosfulness, it wood be ez little ez they cood do to give me a public dinner or sum sich recognishen. The Deekin and Bascom refoosed pint-blank. Whereupon I postively told em that ef they didn't give me a public complimentary dinner, I woodent go!

That fetched em. Bascom turned pale at the threat, and remarked that one year more of my patronage wood rooin him, while at Secessionville there wuz a rich grosery-keeper who cood afford it, end he consented. Deekin Pogram remarked to wunst that, rather than hev me stay away from a field of labor when I hed sich an opportoonity for dooin good, and where I cood git doubtlis better beard than I cood at his humble home, he wood consent.

The dinner came off last nite at Bascom's. There wuz present all the leadin citizens uv the Corners. The Deekin okkipied the chair, and Capt. McPelter the other end uv the table.

After the cloth wuz removed, the Deekin rose and remarkt that this wuz the happiest minit uv his life. He wuz filled with supreme joy. Troo, our friend who wuz about to leave us wood no longer grace his humble board, but there wuz left the great consolation that our friend's bill for board wuzn't growin any bigger. Then, agin, our friend wuz goin into the servis uv a railroad, wich filled every citizen uv the Corners with hope uv final payment. Our friend wuz goin to sell tickits and collect money for freights, and, uv course, he wood be able to pay his debts in the Corners. The railroad wuz a rich and bloatid corporashun, and cood afford it. He wood, in conclushun propose the health uv our friend with the wish that he may live long enuff to die without the stingin remorse weiging on his mind that he owed anybody.

Bascom follered the Deekin. He remarkt that this wuz the happiest moment uv his life. Patronage wuz a good thing, but it wuz possible for a grocery to hev too much uv it. A chronic thirst shood alluz be backed up with a plethoric pocket pocket book to make things pleasant. Our departin friend hed a thirst sufficiently cravin to delite the most exactin barkeeper—but alas! Nine yeers repeetin them terrible words, "Chalk it down," hed made em somewat monotonous. But wat he wanted to say was this: Uv course our friend will yoose every means in his power to liquidate the debts he has made here. In order that these payments shel be made ez soon ez possible, he wood urge upon the citizens uv the Corners to give the road in whose employ our friend goes the preference over

the rival line. And pertikelerly wood he urge that citizens uv the Corner when they travel, take the cars at Secessionville, and also to alluz buy tickits uv our friend, the new station agent, ruther than to pay on the cars. No conductor owes us anything. Ez he understood it, the company settles with its agents wunst in three months—he beleeved that in that time our friend ought to get enuff funds in his hands to clear him here. May he prosper in it!

I respondid. I remarked to em that this wuz the happiest moment uv my life. I hed bin honored with the confidence uv the people uv the Corners. (Deep silence when they ought to hev cheered.) I hed lived among yoo for years (more deep silence), and hed okkepied posishens uv trust. I wuz now goin away (cheers) and, ef I knowd myself and my opportoonities, shood pay my debts. (Loud and vociferous cheers.) I hed no doubt uv my ability to do so. I hed held offis under various Dimokratic administrashens too long not to know all about how to make a place profitable. So much for that. But I wood not take my seat without remarkin that I feel great encouragement. I see nothin but good in the signs uv the times. I shel wunst more be Postmaster at the Corners—I shel wunst more take my old familiar place at Bascom's fireside, and shel in that congenial place spend the last end uv my life. I hev good reasons for the hope that is in me. I see a lite. Our ancient enemies, the Republikins, are in sore trouble, and the Democrisy will never—

At this pint, ther wuz a commoshen in the lower part uv the room. There wuz Pollock, Joe Bigler and the sheriff uv the county, and they didn't lose no time in maken their bizness knowd. Two weeks afore I got a soot uv close uv Pollock on tick, tellin him some little, pleasant story wich he hed the audacity to claim wuz a fraud. He hed charged me with gettin goods under false pretences, and hed established his case, and he selectid this ez the occashen to enforce his claim. I wuz immejitly arrested and the sheriff told me to git my hat and accompany him to the jail.

"But I can't go," I sed. "I take my new place to-morrow mornin and ef I am not there I lose it."

"That is troo," retortid Pollock, "but you'll never see that place till you pay me $63.25. That's my little game."

Ther wuz a hurried consultashen.

"Ef this claim ain't satisfied, he can't go," said Bascom. "Good Heavens, and he will continue his account with me."

"This must be fixed," shrieked the Deekin. "Else he will stay at my house."

So they held a hurried consultashun wich resulted in Bascom and the Deekin puttin up he money and gettin a receet in full and the withdrawal uv the soot, and Bigler and Pollock withdrawed in great glee.

Now comes the sekel to this outrageous transaction. Bascom harnessed his mule and took me over to Secessionville the next mornin where I wuz to take my new place. The stashen agent wuz there ez yoosual, and he perposed to stay. I showed him my authority. He laft.

"The name at the end uv that letter," sed he, "don't happen to be the name uv our President."

"Then this letter uv appintment is a—"

"Hoax, I guess. Somebody hez bin imposin on yoo. It ain't the honest handwritin uv anybody connected with the road."

It wuz too troo. We returned sadly to the Corners. Bascom never

spoke a word to me till he reached his bar. Then he sent for the Deekin, and told him the bad news. Then Issaker came in, and told em that it had all leaked out. Pollock and Joe Bigler hed put the thing up to enable em to get their money out uv me—and they succeeded. They wrote the letters uv appintment and carried out the serious joke to its disgustin end.

The sorrow uv Bascom and the Deekin wuz techin.

"Sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents in cash in addition to wat he owes us!" sighed they.

"And he is still on our hands," they yelled, glarin at me.

I take it philosophically. I shel stay here and labor for these people till a change in the politikle world puts me in offis agin. The joke is onto them, not me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY ASSISTS AT A JOINT CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 10, 1874.

I hev bin anxshusly scannin the politikkle horizon thro the telescope uv hope, to diskiver in the sky the bow uv success. I thot that at last my faithful search hed bin rewarded. My rainbow wuz reflected onto the clouds uv the immijit fucher by the corrupshuns uv the leaders uv the Republikin party, and the consekent dissatisfackshun uv the rank and file uv that organizashun. Cood we only yoose this ez a wedge to get that cussed party to split, and cood we hook one fackshun onto our party, then we shood hev a clean majority, and woodent give ten cents to be inshoored the Post Offis at the Corners, wich is the Alpha and Omega uv my hopes.

I heerd uv one town in Ohio in wich the Republikins hed trouble on ther hands, and, ez an expériment, I determined to go ther, and see, for myself, whether or not a coalishen cood be made between the Democrisy and the anti-corrupshen Republikins. I argood that ef it cood be done in one town, it cood be done in a thousand, for human nacher is the same everywhere.

I broached the idee to Deekin Pogram (at whose house I hev bin visitin for three years, and to Bascom, who immejitly figgered what the railroad fare wood be, and they unanimously consentid to advance it, ef I wood agree to stay away two weeks. These men are gettin to be be disgustinly calkelatin.

But I went, and found at New Babylon the yoosual state uv affairs.

There wuz there a dozen Dimocrats who never drank nothin, and who follered legitimit biznis. Then there wuz the great mass uv the party made up uv the doggry keepers, the doggry haunters—that vast mass to whom clean shirts is only seen on twict in their lives, viz., when they are married and when they are buried. The Dimocrisy wuz in a minority uv perhaps fifty.

Two yeers ago the Republikins in Noo Babylon hed electid two rather scaly fellows with whom they hed hed trouble. The auditor and treasurer hed bin diskivered connivin with contractors, and the village hed, between em all, bin swindled out uv about $400. Ez the Republikins hed bin cussin the Credit Mobiler and Back Pay in Congress up hill and down-dale, uv course, to be consistent, they hed to denounce corrupshen at home with ekal vigger.

Becoz uv the misconduct uv these offishels, a large number uv the Republikins swore that the Republikin party hed outlived its day, and that the time hed come to bust it and make a new organizashen, and they called upon wat they wuz pleased to call the decent Dimocrisy to unite with them.

Thompson, Brown, Jones and Smith, the decent Democrats uv the village, agreed with em, and a People's convenshun wuz called to nominate a tickit on the basis uv reform, wich wuz to be supported by the opponents uv corrupshen, irrespective uv party.

It wuz that convenshun that I went to Noo Babylon to attend.

The hall wuz crowded. Immejitly Bill Rag, wich kept the largest rum-mill in the village, sprung to his feet and moved that Lawyer Swipes, his cheefest customer, be made chairman, wich wuz carried. Then Johnny Tag, wich keeps another doggery, moved that Sam Bobtale, his principal customer, be secretary, and that the convenshun perceed immejitly to nominate a ticket to be supported by all the citizens uv Noo Babylon who wuz opposed to corrupshen in the present administrashen, in village, state, and the general government wich moshen wuz carried.

The Reform Republikins tried to git Squire Broadacres on the ticket for mayor, but it woodent work. Rag and Tag hed emptied their groseries into that convenshun, and they wuz voted down ten to one. Lawyer Swipes wuz nominated with a whoop. Then Sam Bobtale wuz nominated for treasurer, and Rag hisself for recorder, and five uv the same stripe uv men for aldermen.

"Good Hevins!" exclaimed the Reform Republikins, "this ain't wat we expected! We can't stand this—yoo can't expect us to."

"My deer sirs," replied Thompson, one uv the decent Dimocrats, "it is unfortunate, I confess, but yoo see these men control the majority uv our vote, and we reely can't help ourselves."

"But ef yoo are reely for reform, why don't yoo leave a organizasher wich is controlled by sich men? Smikey, the Republican defaulter, is bad enough, but ez compared with Bobtale, he's an angel uv lite. We didn't leave the Republikin organizashen, ez bad ez it is, to git into a wuss one. We want to git out uv the hands uv the Smikeys, but we don't want to drop into the keepin uv Rag, Tag and Bobtale. That ain't wat we bar gained for. Ef the decent Dimocrisy can't control that organizashen, wa kin be done?"

"I reely don't know. Smith, Jones, Brown and myself moan over the power wielded by these men, but we can't help it. Ef we split with them I may lose the nomenashen for Congress next fall, and Jones may not go to the legislacher. We can't break our party lines—we can't, indeed."

"It's about the same in Nashnel matters, ain't it?" queried the onreasonable Republikin, who wuzn't satisfied with the kind uv reform he wu gettin. "Spozin we leave the Republikin party and jine the Democrisy. Do we leave Credit Mobilier only to take Tammany to our buzzums? Do we emancipate ourselves from Back Pay to git into the keepin uv John Morrisey? Do we merely exchange a corrupt Republikin for Fernando Wood? Ef yoo are compelled to trot in harnis with Rag, Tag and Bobtale here, on wat principle are yoo to git shet uv Wood, and Morrisey, and Tweed, and them men in Nashnel convenshuns? Horatio Seymour and sich Dimocrats are powerlis without em, ain't they, jist ez yoo are powerlis without Rag, Tag and Bobtale?"

"It is onfortunately troo."

"And we dissatisfied Republikins are expected to vote with yoo, and elect this tickit?"

"Certinly, and thereby yoo enter yoor protest agin the corrupshen uv Smikey. A protest, my deer sir, is a great thing."

"I see. We enter a protest agin Smikey, by electin Bobtale, who wuz nominated by Rag and Tag. Excuse me. The fryin-pan is hot enuff —we won't jump into the fire, ef yoo please. I ruther think our best plan is to bust Smikey, rather than to take on Swipes, Rag, Tag and Bobtale, and then hev to bust them. And I ruther guess that the same policy will do for things outside uv Noo Babylon. I wood like to go somewhere, but yoo don't show me any good place to go. We kin purify our own party, but I shoodent like to undertake the job for yourn. I guess I'll make my fight a leetle closer to home. Good-bye."

And this headstrong man and his friends left the hall, with their noses in the air, and all we cood do woodent pacify em. They went and called a Republikin convenshun and they slaughtered Smikey, and put up Broadacres, and a lot uv sich Republikins for all the offises, and they will elect em. Smikey, uv course, came straight to us, but a dozen Dimocrats left us the minit he jined, so we lost by the operashun.

It wood be a nice thing for us ef the Swipses, and Rags, and Tags, and Bobtales that belong to us cood be kept out uv site, but that can't be. Onless they hev their share uv plunder, they won't vote with us, and ef they don't vote with us, they keep out everybody else. The men who is necessary to us, beats us.

I am at home, sick and disgustid. This game uv reform won't work, for we ain't jest got the proper material to put forrerd. Why, at Noo Babylon whenever I preeched the necessity uv reform, the people jeered at the idee. My personal appearance, it seems, wuz somewhat inconsistent with that noshen. But it may come at last.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY INAUGURATES A NEW ENTERPRISE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 17, 1874.

My little effort at reform in Ohio didn't work jest ez I hed hoped, but I don't despair uv gettin suthin out uv it after all. Ef we can't make reform go, wat is there for us? At the worst I perpose to make it earn me a livin. I am in the reform biznis, and I shel push it ez a biznis.

I hev determined to start a reform noosepaper. That idee sprung full-fledged from my massive intelleck two weeks ago. When I determine upon a thing I go and do it, and so, two weeks ago, I ishood the prospecktus, and with it the Massedonian cry for help to all the rich Dimocrats I knowd or cood heer uv.

I stated in my prospecktus (wich I wrote in Bascom's) that the "Cross Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity" wood be devotid to reform in its broadest sense, public and privit. I deplored the wide-spread corrupshen that hed pervaded and permeated all departments uv the public servis, sence that gileless patriot, A. Johnson, vacated the Presidenshel cheer, ez well ez the laxity uv morals that pervadid all classes uv society, wich wuz the legitimit outgrowth uv Radikle idees. I hed throwd myself into the

breach, and wuz determined to do all in my power to check the flood uv fraud that wuz sweepin over the land and wich bid fair to rooin the republik. To the coz uv purity and refo m I hed devotid all ther wuz uv me.

I stated distinctly that the "Cr ss Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity" hed but one panacea for all the evils the country is labrin under, namely, the bustin uv the Republikin party and the puttin power uv the Dimocrisy. That is all there is uv it. This is the short road to politikle purity, and, by example, the promoter uv privit purity. We want to hev back in Congress that galaxy uv intellecks that shone so resplendently doorin Bookannon's administrashen, and in the places uv trust and profit, the patriots who rallied so gloriously around the crib presided over by A. Johnson. Some uv em are dead, alas! but there are enuff uv em left to fill all the offises, and there ain't any risk uv their declinin.

I sent an appeal for aid to various leadin Dimocrats uv the country, and receeved responses wich show that in this enterprise I hev hit the precise idea that is needed. For instance, Fernando Wood wrote me the follerin:

"I agree with yoo that the times demand a viggerous paper, wich shel oppose the corrupshens wich are sappin the very foundashens uv our liberties. The crimes uv the Republikin party cry to Heaven. Enclosed find check for $50. I wood send yoo more, but I hevn't realized on my Credit Mobilier shares yet, and me and Brother Ben find the lottery biznis dull sence the panic struck us.

Trooly,
"FERNANDO WOOD."

His brother Ben wrote ez follows:

"Enclosed find $50 to aid in establishin The Cross Roads Reformer and Friend uv Purity. I wish I cood spare more, for ef ever ther wuz a time when public and privit purity needed boostin, this is the time. We must combine to crush Republikinism and inoggerate a rain uv purity. I wood send more, but the fact is, policy sellin is dull, and faro-banks ain't more than payin expenses. But sich ez my donashen is, take it.

"Trooly, BEN. WOOD."

Boss Tweed wrote ez follows:

"I write in bonds. But oppressed ez I am by crooel persekooters I take a lively interest in evrything that looks to purity in offishel matters. In my lonely cell on Blackwell's Island do I groan for my country. I hev directed my son Richard to send yoo $50 to aid yoor paper jest ez soon ez he kin collect it from the ongrateful contractors who refoozed to divide with when I got into trouble on contracks wich I give em when I wuz in power. But go in yoor good work.

Trooly, W. M. TWEED."

The letter I wrote to Harry Genet, wuz ansered by a friend uv his, who remarked that Mr. Genet was abroad for his health, but that he shood forrerd it to him, and that Mr. G. wood doubtless contribbit, ez he wuz, ez he alluz hed bin, a staunch friend uv reform.

From the South the responsis were encouragin, tho not profitable.

From every one of the glorious soljers uv the Confederacy come words uv cheer. They bid me go on and deal heavy blows agin the monster Radicleism, and in support, not only uv reform, but uv our common country. Four yeers more uv Radicle rool wood be suffichent, they wuz every one uv em convinst, to destroy the government bequeathed us by our fathers, and wich hed bin made sacred by their blood.

Aleck Stephens wrote me a letter approvin uv the design uv the paper that kivered sixty-eight pages uv foolscap, but he didn't enclose a dollar, wich wuz a lame and impotent conclooshen.

One man from Alabama insisted that the motto uv the noo paper shood be, "Offis in Rite Hands, and Purity in Offis." The offis, he went on to remark, cood never be in rite hands so long ez a disgustin nigger wuz Postmaster at Napoleonville, a place wich he wunst okkepied under Johnson. He beleeved in non-partisanship, and the President ought to reassure the people by showin em that he wuz not inflooenced by partisan feelins. Let the President remove his appointees and put Democrats in their places. When he wuz removed and that nigger wuz put in his place, he, for the first time in his life, despaired uv the Republic.

I wuz astonished at the number uv responses I got from Republikins. They cum in by the bushel. Every one uv em hed lost all faith in a Republikin form uv government—every one uv em bleeved that the government hed fallen into bad hands, and consekently they despaired uv the republic. One pekoolyarity uv this despare wuz, they all specified the date at wich they commenced desparin, ez for instance:

"On the 13th uv Jooly, 1873, I felt that all wuz gone."

Or this:

"On the 22d uv August, 1872, I felt that the sun uv Republikinism hed set forever, onless a change cood be made."

I wuz at some panes to ascertane why things went to rooin on them pertikeler days, and I found that it was July 13, 1873, that the first hed bin defeated for renominashen to Congress, and that on the 22d uv August, 1872, the second hed bin removed from a collectorship, and the others wuz in the same state uv health without excepshin. But it don't do to inquire too pertikerlerly. They beleeve the government is in bad hands, and that is enuff for me. These men—and all uv this class, demand reform, but they didn't enclose no material aid. How do they suppose the battle agin a corrupt administrashen is to be fought, ef they don't furnish ammunishen?

I got in donashens (and loans, wich is the same thing) about $600. The paper will be ishood next week. I hev paid Bascom $40, and Deekin Pogram $25, on akkount, wich hez encouraged them.

Things look brighter for me. May my sky continyoo unclouded.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Editor Cross Roads Reformer.

THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE STRIKES THE CROSS ROADS.

(The famed temperance movement, called the "Women's Crusade," which started in Hillsboro, Ohio, and was the foundation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, furnished the motive for this and the five succeeding letters.)

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 28, 1874.

When I opened my Northern papers and red uv the prayin movement by the wimmin uv Ohio and Injiana, I sed to myself, "the Cross-Roads is bound to ketch it." There ain't no trouble agoin but wat it lites onto the Cross-Roads. Misforchoon has markt the Cross-Roads for its own.

And last Monday Bascom got a postal card on wich it wuz statid that on the Friday followin a delegashen uv ladies from New Boston, a manufacturin village started by a lot uv Yankees over about ten miles from here, where they don't sell no spirits, wood visit the Cross-Roads, and

try the efficacy uv prayer onto Bascom, to see ef they cood not convert him to stop his sole-destroyin, demoralyzin bizness. Ez Bascom red the postal card (or rather ez I red it for him) he wuz a picter to look upon. His knees knockt together and his face turned a ghastly pale, and his hand trembled so that it wuz with difficulty that he cood raise a glass uv likker to his lips.

"My sole-destroyin bizness!" sed he; "my bizness sole-destroyin! Good Heavens, wat next?"

"My time is about up, I guess," remarkt Deekin Pogram. "I hev seen strange things in my life-time, but when I am not allowed to take my regler drinks, it is time I wuz a goin hence."

"The idee," sed Issaker Gavitt, "that sellin likker or drinkin it is demoralizin. I hev drunk likker all my life, and—"

At this point Issaker's wife come in, and wantid Issaker to go and get some rice, and then go home and split some wood. Issaker wantid to know wat she come there for, and the onreasonable woman bustid into tears, said she coodn't split wood, with no shoes and three inches of snow on the ground, and that there wuzn't a thing in the house for the sick baby to eat, and ef Issaker wood spend half the time work that he did loafin at Bascom's, and half the money on his children that he did for likker, and—

Issaker didn't allow her to finish her onreasonable harangue. He took her by the shoulder and shoved her out the door, and swore that he didn't know how it wuz in Ohio and Injeany, but he'd be d—d if in Kentucky woman shoodent keep in her proper spear. He wuzn't a goin to allow no woman to dictate to him wat he shood do with his time or his muney, nuther.

Captain McPelter remarkt that ef his wife ever jined in sich a demonstrashun, she'd wish she hadn't. His wife tried to stop him from takin another drink wunst, after he felt his oats, and hed throwd a cradle with a six-months baby out uv the door, and the black eye she got wuz a warnin to her never to interfere with his prerogatives no more.

Poor Bascom wuz cast down. He sed Amerikin libberty wuz gone when a passel uv women got to goin about interferin with a man's biznis. But he shood adopt vigorous measures. He'd never surrender—never.

Friday come and Bascom was ready for em. Evry wun uv our persuasion in the Corners hed ordered his wife to keep strikly in doors, and on no akkount to venture out durin the day. Bascom asked us all to stay with him, and see him thro it. To wich we all agreed. Them ez wuz married and kept house, went home to fix up ther doors and nail boards over the broken glass uv ther winders, so that the wimmen shoodn't see outside. It's no small matter to close up all the holes in the houses at the Corners.

Well, at 11 o'clock a percession uv women did make their appearance at the lower end uv the village, and they moved up slowly to'ards Bascom's. G. W. wuz as pale ez a sheet.

"Wat shel I do?" asked he.

"G. W.," sed I, "there is but one thing yoo kin do. Rally yoor friends about yoo, and make head agin this unholy croosade. The regular frekenters uv the place are fritened and are not here. Bring em here! Bring em here to-wunst! Swing out a placard wich shel read:

"Likker free to all doorin the continyooance uv this fanatikle campane—Ho! all ye that thirst! Come and drink, without money and withou price."

"This, G. W., will fetch em in, and ez long ez the likker is free they will stay in, and give yoo ther moral support. Shel I write the placard?"

G. W. wavered. He cast one glance at his kegs, and sighed hesitatinly. I cast one glance at them kegs, and wuz determined that so good an opportoonity shood not be lost.

"Ha!" sed I, "the foe! they come! they come! To hesitate now is to be lost. The hed uv the invadin column hez turned the corner. Shel I write?"

"Yes!" sed Bascom, bustin into teers; "write. Ef they shet me up I'm rooined, and ef yoo hev free drinks I'm bustid. But I'd ruther take the free drinks part uv it."

"Certainly," sed Issaker Gavitt, soothingly; "free drinks, by all means. After all, Bascom, it amounts to the same thing. It's free drinks anyhow, for yoo hev to charge em to us, don't yoo?"

And so I writ the placard and histed it up at the door. The result wuz majical. In less than ten minits the glad nooze hed reached every house in the village, and there wuz gathered together in Bascom's sich a solid mass uv liberty-lovin men ez hed never been seen together at the Cross-Roads.

Bascom appinted two uv us to draw likker for the thirsty crowd, and then we throwd open the doors, calkilatin to greet em with sich cheers ez wood effectooally silence all the singin and prayin they cood do.

The wimmin approached. We cood see em. They wuz all closely veiled. Ez they approached the door I directed the likker to be served out faster, so ez to get the boys tuned up to the right pitch. But alas! they didn't stop! They didn't stop to sing or to pray or nuthin. They simply passed by, pulling their vails closer to ther faces, and snickerin. I looked thro the vail uv one uv em and saw whiskers.

But with rare presence uv mind I sed nothin.

"Draw more likker!" I shouted, "they will be back in a moment."

By the time this drink wuz down Bascom wuz so far gone that he didn't know nuthin. He got lunatic, and springin from the counter insisted on everybody's not only drinkin, but that every man uv us shood fill a bottle and take it with us.

It is onnecessary to state what follered. The revelry waxed furious, and by night the bodies uv the fallen were piled on top uv each other four deep. Every drop uv likker in the house wuz gone, for wat wuzn't drunk hed bin allowed to waste, for men drawd it who wuz too tite to shet the faucets. Bascom wuz laid out, Deekin Pogram wuz snorin ez tho he hedn't slept for a week, and I, seesoned vessel that I am, wuz the wust played out uv any uv em.

The next mornin Joe Bigler venchered around, and I asked concernin the wimmin.

"Wimin!" sed he; "them wuzn't wimin. They wuz boys employed in the factrys in New Boston. Nasby," sed he confidenshally, "my opinyun is that that cuss, Pollock, put this up on yoo, with a view to rooin Bascom. I heerd him talkin with one uv them factry men, who is his brother-in-law, and I heerd the brother-in-law say that it wuz too good not to do it. I presume that is wat they referred to. But don't say that I told yoo."

Passin Pollock's an hour after, I heerd him and Bigler a laffin vociferously, and I knowd that this wuz wat they wuz laffin at.

But, thank Heaven, the joke isn't onto me. I got twenty square drinks out uv it for nothing. But I do pity Bascom. His heart is broke.

His empty barrels, his broken glasses and bottles, bear mute testimony to his losses. May Heaven forgive Pollock and Bigler.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.

P. S.—I shel ishoo the first number uv my new paper next week.

POLLOCK AND BIGLER PERSECUTE THE SAINTS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 10, 1874.

Ef Heaven's most piercin litenins cood strike Joe Bigler and that jeerin feend, Pollock, I shood think more uv the economy uv nacher. For till these demons is dead, and berried, we never shel hev peace or quiet at the Corners. It wuz a bitter day for me, and for all uv us, when that wretch Pollock come here from Illinoy, and struck hands with Joe Bigler. Either uv em is pizen—yoonitid, striknine is nothin to em.

We held a meetin in Bascom's last week Toosday to decide upon some measures to counteract the wimmin's temperance movement, wich we are momentarily expectin will strike the Corners, and ravage us ez it hez the towns and villages in Ohio and Injeany. Bascom called the meetin, for Bascom swears he will defend his rites till the last.

We hed the grocery tolably full uv the men uv the Corners, when who shood march in but Bigler and Pollock, who sot down on nail kegs ez sollum ez a funeral.

Various sejestions wuz made ez to the best way uv counteractin the movement, when Pollock rose and askt the privilege uv makin a remark, wich I, ez chairman, consentid to.

"I sympathize heartily with yoo," sed Pollock, "in thus standin up and makin hed agin this fanatikle croosade, and wood sejest that yoo fite the devil with fire. In Ohio the wimen go out agin the traffic in likker—let our wimen here in the Corners, come out and enter their protest agin eny interference with the rites uv their husbands, fathers and brothers. Let the wimen uv the Corners protest agin this fanaticism."

Joe Bigler riz, and I felt a presentiment that the devil hed broken his chain and wuz amongst us.

I don't often agree with Pollock," he remarked, "but there is in this sejestion so much uv good sense that bleeve I shel second him in it. By all means let our wimmin enter their protest aginst this wild croosade, that the world may know that Kentucky at least stands by her landmarks. The wimmin uv Ohio howl that the traffic is demoralizin to society, and pertikelerly that it is rooinin them. Now let the wimmin uv the Cross-Roads meet and hist in their testimony that it is nuthin uv the kind. And that this protest may be made in doo form, I sejest that the wimmin uv Confedrit X Roads meet at the church to-morrer afternoon, at two p. m., and resloot agin this this thing. Is it a go?"

"It is!" "It is!" "We will hev em do it!" wuz shouted from all parts uv the room.

Bascom wuz delited with the proposishen. He said that so far ez his wife wuz concerned, she wood jine in sich a protest heartily. It shood be done by all means.

"It is well enuff to say 'we will,'" sed Bigler, "but let us make shoor uv hevin em all out, that there may be no faleyoor. To make this a success the meetin must not only be enthusiastic, but large. Pollock, take a piece

of paper and put down the names uv those whose husbands will pledge theirselves to be present. Issaker Gavitt, will Mrs. Gavitt be shoor to come?"

Issaker blushed—wich is to say, his nose turned bloo—ez he ansered "probably not, onless the weather shood be warmer, for my woman hezn't got no shoes."

"Mrs. Gavitt can't come to protest agin this croosade agin likker, coz she ain't got no shoes," sung out Pollock.

"But, Issaker, I bought fifty bushels uv corn uv yoo last fall—why didn't yoo get yoor wife shoes then?"

"I hed to pay Bascom, on account," sed poor Issaker, blushin still more.

"All right," sed Pollock; "uv course yoo did. Go on, Josef."

"Squire Pennibacker, will yoor wife be present to jine this anti-fanaticism movement?"

"She'll oppose it," sed the Squire, "coz I do; but I doubt ef she kin come out to bear testimony agin it. She ain't got no cloze that she'd like to be seen in."

"Mrs. Pennibacker aint got no cloze, and can't come," sung out Pollock. Go on, Josef."

"Deekin Pogram, yoor wife and yoor dawter Mirandy will be here, certainly?"

"Taint shoor," sed the Deekin, "uv both uv em—one uv em kin come, but the other can't. Ef my wife wears the dress, Mirandy must stay, and vice versy, coz they ain't got but one atween em."

"I hev put down one from Deekin Pogram's, ez them two wimmin hev only one dress atween em. Go on, Josef. We've got to git more than these or the meetin will be a failyoor."

"Lem'l Pettus, will yoo see that yoor wife will be present to protest agin——"

"Stop!" I yelled, seein the drift uv these wretches; "this hez gone far enuff. I pertest——"

"Easy, Parson, easy," sed Bigler. "We must hev the wimmin out. The wimmin uv Ohio pertest that likker rooins em—our wimmin must bear testimony that it don't. I confess that the prospeck isn't encouragin, for we hevn't found a sufficiency uv dresses, and shoes, and sich, among our wimmen to enable them to take part in a public demonstrashen, but——"

At this pint Bigler stopped, for Mrs. Bascom, G. W.'s wife, opened the door uv her sittin room, wich wuz jist one side uv the bar-room, and looked in. It wuz an unfortinit movement ez ever wuz—in fact, it seems ez tho the devil alluz helped Bigler and Pollock. There stood Mrs. Bascom with a black moire-anteek dress on, with gold rings onto her fingers and a fur concern about her shoulders, and reel gaiters onto her feet, and a buzzum pin onto her, and everything gorgeous. Ez she drawd back into her own room, Pollock broke out—

"Mrs. Bascom kin go and enter her protest agin this onwomanly croosade, can't she?"

"Uv course she kin," sed Bigler. "She's got shoes and cloze enuff."

"Too troo," sed Pollock, "and singler ez it may seem, she's the only one in the Corners that hez. What shel we do about it?"

"I pertest agin this thing!" shrieked I, for I seed wat it wuz leadin to.

"Wait till I make my sejestion," sed Bigler. "I wuz a comin to it. It strikes me that Bascom's wife hez got all the cloze that belongs to the

wimmen uv the Corners, and that it is likely to continyoo so jist so long ez Bascom keeps the grocery, for the reason that it takes all that the men kin git hold uv to keep em in sustenance. Now, woodn't it be an ekitable arrangement ef the male citizens uv the Corners shood take turns at keepin the grocery? Let Issaker Gavitt keep it a week, wich wood enable him to get Mrs. Gavitt a pare uv shoes—a week's profits wood enable Pennibacker to get his wife a caliker dress, and so on around. It seems to me that it's unfair—"

Bigler didn't git no further with his incendiary harangue. Bascom biled over and throwed a bottle at him, wich Bigler dodged, and he and Pollock went out a laffin vociferously at the fix they hed put us in. That bottle broke up the meetin. I thot it a pity that it shood be wasted, and went for it, and so did every man in the room, and we struggled for it on the floor like madmen. Issaker Gavitt got it, and dusted out with it.

I am fearful that our efforts to stem this tide will result in a failyoor. I can't help confessin that there is suthin queer in the fact that Bascom's wife is the only woman in the Corners who hez decent clothes, but Joe Bigler and Pollock hed no biznis to make that fact so cussedly apparent. Ef it ever gits to the ears of the wimmin it ain't onpossible that they'll commence a raid on Bascom theirselves. I woodent hev Lucindy Gavitt, Issaker's wife, git hold uv where that fifty bushels uv corn went, for no money. It's a cold world, and a hard one to git thro with easy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

P. S.—This excitement hez delayed the ishoo uv my new paper. But I shel git it out.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS PREPARE FOR A PROTRACTED DROUGHT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 22, 1874.

The weather is gittin milder and milder, and there is no possibility uv our stavin off an attack upon Bascom's, wich is our fortress. Joe Bigler and Pollock, ever sence the faleyoor uv the last croosade (wich wuz postponed on account uv the weather), hev bin perpetooally and persistently inflamin the minds uv our wimmin, till they hev their rage worked up to a degree that is terrible. Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Bigler hev bin puttin on all their store cloze, and goin out all day callin on the wives and dawters uv our citizens. For instance, they'd go to Lucindy Gavitt (Issaker's wife), all rigged up in silks and furs and dollar jooelry, and sich, and tell Lucindy that ef Issaker wood only save his munny insted uv spendin it at Bascom's, she cood hev all these things jist ez well ez not. And then all the woman in Lucindy wood be stirred up, and she wood more than howl. When Lucindy saw that these two wimmin hed actooal stockins on, she swore that she wood never rest till Bascom wuz bustid.

We knew uv all this, and trembled. The frost wuz gittin out uv the ground; fair, warm days wuz a comin, and the raid onto us cood not be much longer postponed. Our wimmin cood get out ez soon ez it wuz warm enuff for em to go out without shoes, and we knowd that when they cood get out they wood.

"Will they come in and smash in the barrels?" asked Bascom.

"Precisely so."

"Wat kin we do?" groaned Deekin Pogram.

"Wat kin we do?" was the ekkoin anser uv every wun uv em.

"This is wat we kin do," sed I promptly. "Let G. W. take the barrels this afternoon, and roll em out into his barn, where these cussid wimmin can't possibly find em, keepin a single demijohn—an hour's supply—in the bar. Ef they come and smash, why they kin only smash a gallon at a time, and the enemy kin never git at our magazeen. Hev I spoken well?"

"Like a sage—like a sage! It is well—it is well!"

Bascom consented, and we all turned in to help him roll the barrels out. Never did men work with such zeel. It seems ez tho there is suthin inspirin in the rollin uv barrels. I cood work at it forever.

We got em all safely in the barn, Bascom drawd out a demijohn, and we felt comparatively safe, no matter wat shood happen.

Night came on, and at ten p. m. I left Bascom's to go to my humble bed at Deekin Pogram's. Ez I approached his dwellin I fell into a trane uv thot. I hed only hed five drinks, and I felt a longin for more. I wanted to be filled up for wun t—to hev, for one time, all that I cood lay to. I thot to myself, there is them barrels in Bascom's barn. Wat is to prevent me from gettin a bottle and goin there, and draw it full, and for wunst in my life hev a self-satisfyin fullness? Nothin. I hed marked the location uv them barrels, and I cood go in the dark to em ez well ez in the glare uv the broad day.

I determined to do it. I went to my room and got a bottle and went thro the alley on wich the barn stood. Caushusly scalin the fence I crept into the barn, and crawled up to the barrel wich hed the fawcet in. I wuz enveloped in Cimmerian darkness. I reached out keerfully to find the fawcit, when I heerd a rustlin sound ez tho somebody else wuz neer. I laid still on my abdomen till the sound ceased. "It is nothin," I sed to myself, and crawled up closter,—Confoosh'n! My hand struck a livin, human body! Drawin back hastily, my boot struck an obstacle, wich, ez ef the exclamash'n wuz wrung from it, remarked, "Thunder!" Jest then a match wuz drawd, a candle wuz lighted, and—Tabloo!

There stood Bascom erect, with a pained expression onto his countenance, and on their abdomens, each with a bottle in his hand and crawlin towards the barrel, wuz Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, Elder Pennibacker, and evry wun uv em wich wuz in Bascom's when the arrangement wuz made to move the barrels, and wich assisted in movin em.

The thot that hed okkured to me hed likewise okkured to all the rest.

I wuz the only one who hed presence uv mind. I dropt my bottle afore I riz, and springin to my feet, I denounct em for the breach uv faith they wuz committin.

"Wat are yoo here for?" demanded Deekin Pogram. "Didn't yoo come here for jist wat we come for?"

"Did I come here with a bottle?" I replied. "Did I come here like a thief in the night, to pilfer our good friend's sustenance? Oh, yoo vipers! Can't yoo wait till the mornin, or ef yoo must hev yoor nip, can't yoo go like men to the bar, and hev em charged to yoo? I blush for the Corners."

They all slunk out, leavin me and Bascom alone.

"It's all very well, Parson," sed he, his eye glittrin crooelly. "You drapt yoor bottle skillfully. Did yoo spose I wuz sich an ijeot ez to leeve

all this likker all alone doorin a nite? Not any. Go too, yoo hoary-headed deceever."

And he turned me out, and put a padlock on the barn, and I went sorrowfully to my home ez dry ez a lime-kill. Better for me wood it hev bin ef I hed never thot uv it. Better never hev a hope than hev it fail. But there remains to us jest wat we hed before. This escapade don't dry up any uv our sources uv supply, and we hev it so fixed that all the wimen in the Corners can't interfere with gitten our regler drinks. Thank Heaven for so much.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE QUESTION OF TAXES AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 29, 1874.

The taxes at the Corners hev bin for some years terribly high, and this spring when the time came to pay em, the people murmured. We sed it is too bad to waste so much money on taxes, when there is so much likker in the land wich money wood buy; and the niggers and others at the Corners wich don't stimulate sed it wuz a pitty that so much uv ther substance shood be taken in taxes uv wich they got no good.

Bigler and Pollock, onto whose hed lite cusses, ez yoosual, took up the cry and ekkoed it. Ef we hed the sense uv a yearlin calf we'd hev dropt it the moment Joe Bigler pickt it up, for when did he ever jine us except to bring us to confooshin?

But we did ekko Joe's words—Bascom in pertikeler—and we determined to hev a meetin to consider the question uv taxes, and to ascertane whether or not we coodn't redoose em in some way.

And George Washinton Bascom, the idiot, furnished the wood to heat the hall, and the taller candles to lite it; thus furnishin the whip with which to scurge hisself.

We met at early candle-litin, and I wuz made chairman, uv course. I stated to the meetin that taxis hed risen to a pint that crushed us. I felt myself that ef they cood not be lessened I shood be compelled to quit the Corners—

"Thank Hevin!" involuntarily ejackelated Deekin Pogram.

"Not that I pay taxis myself, but they so grind the citizens ez to make keepin me a serious matter."

And I continyood by invitin any one to say wat they hed to say.

Bascom rose and remarkt that taxis hed got to a rooinous pint, and he pledged hisself to yoose all possible diligence in assertainin the coz uv the high taxis, and unrelentin viggelance in rootin out the coz when he hed found it. He moved the adopshen uv the follerin resolooshen:

Resolved, That it is the sense uv this meetin that the increase, year by year, uv taxashen in the Corners, hez bin so great ez to eggscite the most serious alarm, and that we pledge ourselves to yoose all possible means to ascertane the coz, and remove it forthwith.

The resolooshen wuz yoonanimously carried.

Then Joe Bigler rose, with Pollock behind him, a eggin him on and supportin him.

Joe remarkt that he hed notid the regler increase uv taxes each year with alarm, and he hed made some notes, feelin that he cood show how it wuz.

And the cuss pulled out uv his breast pockit a lot uv papers.

"Here," sed he, "I hev figgered up—me and Pollock—wat the county poor-house costs us, and I find it's terrible. Six thousand dollars is the sum totle. Doorin the yeer, old Spiggins hez bin taken there, and his wife and his ideot dawter, for Spiggins spent all his time and money at the bar uv our esteemed friend Bascom till he got to be so demoralized ez to be incapable uv pervidin for hisself. Then Thompson's wife and children are there, too. Thompson, yoo will remember got drunk one nite at Bascom's and fell off the bridge on his way home and wuz drownded. Then there's the Huggins children and Sammy Smith's children, all uv em pervided for by taxation. Let's see," sed this disturber, "Bascom, yoo hev Smith's forty akers, hevn't yoo?"

Then Pollock he riz.

"I don't agree with Mr. Bigler," sed this hory-headed deceever, "in ascribin the high taxis to our public charities. Uv course the poor-houses costs money, but that is only a small part uv it. Its the criminals that squeeze us. I hev made a few figgers wich will show how it is. Yoo all know the circumstances uv the Mackentosh matter. Sam Mackentosh got drunk at Bascom's, and went home, and Mrs. Mackentosh not hevin supper ready, Samyooel split her hed open with an axe. Sammy wuz in jail eighteen months, wich we hed to pay for—he wuz tried three times and finally hung. It cost us on a ruff calkelashun, about six thousand dollars to hang Mackentosh, countin from the time he got drunk at Bascom's, excloosiv uv the cost uv berryin his wife and takin keer uv his children since.

"Then yoo remember the Magrath trouble. Sim Magrath and Tim Edson got drunk at Bascom's."

"Why do yoo perpetooally refer to our esteemed friend Bascom?" shriekt I, seein that G. W. wuz turnin ez pale ez he cood turn.

"I reely don't mean to offend nobody, but I must be historikelly korrect. Sim Magrath and Tim Edson got drunk at Bascom's, and from there they went to Allen's place, and quarreled with Allen, and sot his barn on fire. The judge woodn't take into account the fact that they wuz drunk, but sent em to the penitentiary, wich cost us five or six thousand more. They sed they woodent hev done it ef they hedn't bin drunk."

"Then Sandy Johnson who drawd a knife on Pete Larkin and carved him. They wuz both a drinkin at Bascom's when——"

"I pertest agin all this kind o' talk!" shrieked Bascom, who by this time seed wat they wuz drivin at. "I pertest."

"It won't go, G. W.," retorted Bigler, "fax is fax, and we must hev em out. I insist that our charities do cost more than the criminals, Mr. Pollock to the contrary notwithstandin. Does Mr. Pollock remember the Paddlefords? Old Paddleford wuz alluz drinkin at Bascom's; then Seth, his oldest boy got into it, and then Andy, and finally the old woman herself, and the children are all at the poor-house. I say—"

"Will Mr. Bigler pretend to say that the Paddlefords cost the county ez much ez the single case uv Artemus Jenkins, who, after he got drunk at Bascom's, stabbed Abslum Parkins?"

"Wat did that amount to?" sneered Bigler, "compared to the cost the county wuz put to in carin for John Otis, who, at Bascom's bar, dropped down in a fit, and became——"

"O bosh," retorted Pollock, "I insist——"

"But," I sed hastily, "all our taxes ain't for criminals and paupers, is they? How about yer roads?"

"We aint spent a dollar on the roads for six years," retortid Pollock.

"And the skools?"

"All that the county has paid for skools from the time the first settler struck here aint ez much ez we paid for the hangin uv Sam Mackentosh. We hev bin very ekonomikle in the matter uv roads and skools. I insist—"

"And I insist," sed I, "that this thing come to an end. This meetin is adjourned!"

"All rite, Parson," sed Bigler, and he and Pollock walked off, laffin hilariously.

After them two hed gone we re-organized, and sot some time in silence.

"Parson," sed Deekin Pogram, "wat shel we do?"

"I hev written a resolooshen or two wich covers the pint," sed I, and presentid them ez follows:

Resolved, That taxes aint ez high after all ez they might be, exceptin uv course them ez is imposed by the tyranicle, consolidated government at Washington.

Resolved, That sich taxes ez may result from the abuse uv the ordinary comforts uv life by our fellow citizens we shel pay cheerfully, feelin it to be our dooty to bear our sheer uv the burdens laid onto us.

Resolved, That our confidence in our fellow-townsman, G. W. Bascom, is unabated.

These resolooshens wuz passed yoonanimusly, and Bascom invited the entire meetin over to his place to take suthin. Thus wuz the dangers to the Corners, devised by them two wretches, Pollock and Bigler, happily arrested.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

THE WOMEN MAKE A RAID ON BASCOM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 6, 1874.

The cyclone, whose wrath we hoped hed bin spent in futile endeavors, hez finally smote us, and we are sufferin under the blow. The wimmin uv the Corners riz in their mite on Friday.

The sun rose brite and smilin from the eastern horizon—the frost wuz all out uv the ground, and the day wuz warm and balmy. Deekin Pogram came down the road barefoot and hilarious. "It's warm enuff," sed the old innocent, "to go without shoes! Thank Heaven, I shel not hev that expense on me for seven long months."

The Corners alluz rejoices when its citizens kin leave off shoes in the spring.

Bascom turned away and wept.

"Why do yoo weep?" sed Pogram. "Ef I don't hev to buy shoes yoo will hev jist that much more for likker for me."

"Alars!" shreekt Bascom, "can't yoo see that the warm weather wich enables yoo to come without shoes, also enables the women to walk the streets without shoes? And hezn't Pollock and Bigler and them cusses bin incitin em to rage, and hevn't they bin a bilin in agony to get at me, but wuz providenshly preventid by the weather? They'll be here to-day, shoor, and then——"

And Bascom bowed his head and wept agin.

Wat Bascom prognosticated did reely occur. At 10 o'clock percisely a delegashen of wimen, headed by Lucindy Gavitt, filed around the corner

and approached the grocery. We stood on the porch in an agony of feer.

"They are comin," sed Deekin Pogram, tremblin ez tho he hed ager, "ez terrible ez a army with banisters."

"Can't we fool em out uv this?" sed Bascom.

"Wood that we cood," sed Issaker, "but I doubt it. Lucindy is a runnin this thing and she's akoot. Yoo can't play any vermifuge on her."

"Subterfuge, yoo fool," sed I. "In sich a time ez this, be correct watever yoo are."

Slowly they approached. Bascom turned pale, and leevin the porch took his posishen behind the bar.

"Here," sed he, "I will endoor the shock. Here where I hev lived and hed my bein will I die."

The enemy come on, until the head uv the perseshen reeched the porch. Lucindy bore a banner on wich wuz written: "Liz Bascom hez stockins—we hevn't. Death to Bascom!" and pokin it in my face ez she passed me, she marched with the tread uv a grenadeer into the room, and took up her posishen in front uv the bar, where she looked Bascom square in the face.

"The regler thing," sed Lucindy, "ez I hev heerd, is for the wimin to pray. Kin yoo pray, Mrs. Pogram?"

"Nary," replied Mrs. P. "Sich a thing wuz never heerd in our house."

"Kin yoo pray, Mrs. McPelter?"

"Nary."

"And ther can't none uv us. The fact is that we wuzn't brot up to it. I don't bleeve there's a woman within four miles uv Bascom's—onless its a newcomer—who kin. But it don't matter. I hev bin lookin at Bascom for five minits, and I don't bleeve prayer wood hev any effect onto him. Its works we want here—works with him—works!"

And the infooriated woman, pullin her sleeves back, displayin an arm wich a long course uv splittin wood, and hoein taters, and whalin Issaker hed made ez muskaler ez a blacksmith's, uttered her war-whoop: "Remember, gentle sisters, Liz Bascom hez stockins, and we hain't none—our husbands sell corn wich we grow, to pay Bascom for likker! More stockins and less likker!"

With this ejackelashen, she sprang over the low counter and throttled Bascom, bearin him to the floor.

"Now, sweet sisters," sed she, "while my frail and fadin strength lasts I will hold this man uv Belial safely—lie still, yoo broot—be it yoor work to go for them bottles and barrels! Go for em—Bascom's wife hez stockins!"

A dozen uv em drawd axe helves from under their aperns and kep us off, while the rest went inside the bar, and rolled out the barrels and jugs and split em open. The precious flooid ran out on the floor and disappeared betwixt the cracks thereof forever. We cood do nothin but look on and weep.

Finally when the last barrel wuz bustid and the last bottle broken, Lucindy let Bascom up and the perseshen, wild with eggscitement, marched out uv the place and dispersed. It wuz a pitiful site! Them empty barrels wuz mute witnesses uv our woe—them broken bottles hed each a tale uv distress to tell. There wuz an aroma uv likker risin from the floor and that wuz all. But who cood live on an aroma?

"Thank Heaven!" sed I, "we hev that reserve in the stable left. We kin live on that till yoo git a new stock in."

"No, yoo can't," replied Bascom, his voice broken with emoshun. "No yoo can't. That barrel wuz in among the rest."

"Why, oh why, did yoo do that?" I askt.

"Kin yoo ask me after the nite yoo attempted to steal it?" sed he. "I'd sooner trust it with the wimmin than with yoo. Dooplicity meets its own reward. Hed yoo played fair, yoo wood hev hed a barrel to go on. Ez it is, there ain't a drop in the Corners, and none kin be hed from Looisville for six days."

At this Deekin Pogram dropped a stave wich he hed bin lickin, and fell faintin to the floor. Issaker Gavitt, Elder Pennibacker and Capt. McPelter turned away sorrowfully.

"Ain't there suthin to revive the good old man?" I shriekt in agony, feelin that Bascom must hev a privit bottle somewhere.

"Yes," sed he, "I relent. I pervided for this catastrophy. I bored a hole in the floor here, where it is the lowest. Under that hole, in the cellar, I put a tub. Go down and bring up a wash-basin full and revive him."

Droppin the old man's head, I ran. There wuz three inches in the tub. Fillin two quart bottles wich I found there and puttin them in my pockets, I hastened up with the wash-basinful and held it to his nose. He drew a long breath and fastened his lips to the edge. He swallered! he wuz saved!

We are yet without likker. The Corners is ez dry ez a lime-kill. I hid my two bottles where they can't find em, and four times a day I go and take a modrit nip. But they can't last long, even yoosed ez sparinly ez I do. Deekin Pogram is askin me evry day uv my opinyun uv the hereafter, and the rest uv em wood leeve the Corners ef they hed any earthly way uv gettin out. Bascom hez ordered a new invoice, but Hevin knows when it will come. Ez I hev but a pint left, may the day be not far distant. Curses on Pollock and Bigler who did this thing.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS GUARD AGAINST THE CRUSADERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 25, 1874.

When the wimmin destroyed wat whisky Bascom hed on hand, two weeks ago, a gloom settled onto the entire Corners. With the excepshun uv the little saved, wich dripped thro the floor, there wuz not a drop uv anything within reach. Parched, burnt up, I exclaimed one mornin in agony, with the anshent mariner:

> "Water, water everywhere,
> But not a drop to drink."

Three days passed, and Deekin Pogram staggered into Bascom's, faintin and well nigh exhausted.

"Hev the supplies come yit?" askt the good old man.

"Nary!" sed Bascom, a teer glitrin in his left eye, and rolled pensively down his face, washin out a furrow for itself ez it rolled.

In one corner, on a nail-keg sat Issaker Gavitt with his face berried in his hands, the pikter uv woe, while Kernel McPelter laid out on a bench breathin heavily.

Imagine men in the grate Sahayra Desert with ther water all gone.

Imagine men on a raft in mid-ocean with no water!

Then yoo will git a faint idee uv the condishen we wuz in.

At last one mornin Bascom's oldest son, Jehial, who hed kept at the stashen at Secessionville all the time for two weeks, with a single wagon, wuz seen ridin down the hill urjin the mule to its utmost speed.

"Hooray!" sed Bascom, "it hez come at last!"

Immejitly there wuz a change. Deekin Pogram riz, and fallin on hiz knees sed devoutly, "Thank Hevins!" Issaker sprang to his feet, and Elder Pennibacker and McPelter shouted, "Ha! Ha!" with ez much power ez they hed left in 'em.

Thank the Lord the mule didn't baulk. Ez ef impressed with the importance uv its mishen, it come up gallantly to the door, and backed up squarely, that the precious load mite be easily and quickly taken out. It wuz unloaded safely; the spigut wuz driv in, a bottle wuz filled, we drank the revivin draft and wuz saved!

But how to pertect our treasure wuz the question. Lucindy Gavitt had swore that she wood bust every barrel v likker that wuz brot to the Corners, and we knowd she wood keep her oath ef it wuz possible.

Issaker sejested that she be pizened, but the idee wuz yoonanimously rejected.

"Hev I no friends?" askt Issaker. "Do yoo all hate me?"

A good many other plans wuz discusst to head off this terrible female, but none uv em seemed feasible.

At last I hit it. I sed that we must guard it with our strong rite arms. Let us arm ourselves with axe-helves, and go out on each uv the four roads and stop by force every woman who appears on the street, onless it is certain she hez no hostile intenshuns. Let us go in twos—eight will suffice. Let us be stern and inflexible.

Bascom thought the sejestion wuz a good one.

"Uv course," sed I, "the pickits will be entitled to their sustenance, gratis, while in active service?"

"Certainly!" sed Bascom, "at regler intervals, when no enemy is in site, they may come in and get a refresher and git back to their dooty."

Then came a trouble wich I hed not anticipated. Every man in the Corners volunteered to go on guard dooty. That free drink wuz a bounty wich fetched em.

It wuz finally announced that we shood take turns at it. Myself, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt, Capt. McPelter, Absulum Pettus, Zach Porgeous, Elder Pennibacker and Sim McGrath, I selected for the first day's dooty. I put myself in the first day, for I wanted the first pull at the arrangement, hevin an idea how it wood come out.

The Deekin and I volunteered to take the post uv danger, wich wuz the south road onto wich Lucindy Gavitt lived.

We went out and took our stashuns, and looked up the road and down the road.

"There is no wimmin in site, is there?" sed the Deekin.

"Nary!" sed I; "the coast is clear!"

"Parson, the coast bein clear, isn't it time that we go down to Bascom's for the refresher he spoke uv? This is fearfully tryin dooty."

I agreed with the Deekin, that, bein old men, we needed suthin bracin, and down we went. Ez we entered the door we wuz astonished to see the other six, at the bar, all a takin their drinks.

We got ours and went back, and again viewed the field. It wuz still quiet. Lucindy wuz, it wuz evident, not yet ready to move.

"Deekin," sed I, "doth the foe appear?"

"Nary foe," sed he. "The enemy is not in site."

"England expex every man to do his dooty, Deekin, but hedn't we better amble gently to Bascom's, and git a sustainer? This is fearfully exhaustin."

Before the words wuz out uv my mouth the Deekin hed made a dozen rods. I wuz pleased to see the old man so active. We reached Bascom's in a very short time—very short, indeed, and there, somewhat to my surprise stood the other six, all crookin the pregnant hinges uv the elbow. Bascom did not hev a pleased expression on his countenance.

Agin we departed for our posts, and we peered up and down the road. We saw suthin movin out uv Issaker's house! It wuz a female. The second look reveeled the muskeler form uv Lucindy! She hed her sun-bunnet on and a axe in her hand!

"Deekin," sed I, "stand firm. That enraged woman is a goin for Bascom. Let us acquit ourselves like men."

The Deekin's nose grew blooer, but his lips closed ominusly. I felt I cood depend on him. But Lucindy didn't go out the front door-yard. She hed come out to split wood, and she split, and takin an armful went back into the house. He wuz nervous with excitement.

"Parson!" sed the Deekin, "I'm all unstrung. I thought the hour uv conflict hed come. This drain on my nervous system is too much. I must hev a soother."

And we went. I wuz frozen with astonishment. The first site that met my eyes ez we entered Bascom's, wuz the other six a standin back from the bar and lissenin to Bascom, who wuz gesticulatin wildly.

"This little game is played out," sed Bascom. "You git no more likker uv me except in the regler way."

"But Bascom," sed I, "ef we guard yoor property, its ez little ez yoo kin do to keep us in refreshments. Consider our ardoous servis."

"Bah!" wuz the reply. "Yoo've bin on dooty an hour, and yoo've drunk four times, wich is to say thirty-two drinks in an hour. I've been exercisin a little arithmetic while yoo wuz out, tho yoo didn't stay away long enuff to give me time to do a sum in simple multiplicashen decently. But in a barrel there is about twelve hundred drinks—at this rate yoo'd drink a barrel in two days. This looks to me as tho yoo wuz pertektin yoor property insted uv mine. I don't want my property pertekted on these terms. Such pertekshen may be suffishent, but it's rather expensive. I——"

"But, G. W.," I replied, "do yoo want these wimmin a raidin on yoor premises? Do you want this precious flooid a runnin all over this floor agin?"

"I wood ez soon see it a runnin all over this floor ez to see it a runnin down yoor throats, gratis. I don't see that it makes any difference to me where it runs, ef I don't git nothin for it. Gentlemen, it's money or no likker."

And here it ended. Bascom wuz inflexible. The grocery hez no organized pertekshun. Ef we hev no money, we kin git no likker, and without likker we shel git too weak to hev the power to resist. Whenever Lucindy and her petticoated hosts appear, they will hev an easy victry. I am without hope.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

TROUBLE WITH THE NEGROES AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 1, 1874.

The nigger insurreckshun wich shook the Corners from center to circumference, attracted the attenshun uv the governor uv this noble state, and he come down to see ef suthin coodent be done to arrange the matter with a view uv hevin peece spread her white wings over this distracted seckshun. He didn't order any uv us arrested, for, ez a rool, noboddy is ever arrested for murder in Kentucky but niggers and paupers, and he didn't deem it advisable to arrest any niggers, onless we insisted onto it, wich we didn't, for we claim to be able to fite our own battles with our oppressors, without the aid uv the State.

But the governor did advise conciliashen and harmony. Said he:

"Why can't yoo compermise with these people? Why don't yoo concede suthin to them, and they concede suthin to yoo, and work and live together in peece? It wood be better."

Bascom swore he'd be blest first, afore he'd affiliate with any nigger.

"Ain't yoo standin in yoor own lite?" replied the governor. "Think uv it. Ef yoo wuz on good terms with them niggers, coodn't yoo hev em for customers at yoor bar?"

"I see," sed Bascom, "and hale the sejestion. They pay cash."

"And I see a politikle pint in it," I exclaimed joyfully. "Let em git to be regler customers uv Bascom's, and they'll all be Dimocrats in six months. No Republiken kin drink this likker and endoor."

And it wuz agreed that we shood ishoo a request to the niggers uv the Corners that, throwin aside all prejoodisses and all feelin that hed grown out uv the late onpleasantnis, ez well ez the recent small ones, they shood meet the white Democrisy in a People's convenshun, and yoonite in politikle ackshen, with a view to hevin hereafter that peece and good feelin without wich no community cood be reely prosperous.

I wrote the call and it wuz sent out.

The niggers consulted over it, and decided that it wuz wat they wantid, percisely. They expressed theirselves willin to forget all that hed happened, and to co-operate with us in bringin about the era uv good feelin.

Accordingly a convenshun wuz called to nominate corporashen officers, to be composed uv citizens, irrespective uv color, assurin our colored fellow-citizens that they shood come in with us on a fair and ekitable footin, and that they shood hev an even show with us in everything.

The day uv the convenshun the niggers wuz present in full force, and for prudenshal reasons it wuz deemed advisable that the whites shood also put in an appearance to an extent to over-balance em, wich we did.

For the sake uv effeck, I called a nigger preacher (who is a sort uv a leeder among em) to a seet on the platform and shook hands with him.

"I trust yoo are well," I sed corjilly.

"Tollable," sed he. "I hain't got all the buckshot out uv my shoulder yet, but de ole woman sez de balance will come out uv itself."

Issaker Gavitt hed drawd a beed on him the week afore.

After several speeches, in wich the Corners wuz congratulated on the prospeck uv peece, good will and harmony, nominashens wuz in order.

Issaker Gavitt promptly nominated G. W. Bascom for mayor, wich wuz carried afore the niggers hed a chance to say anything.

Then Deekin Pogram moved that Capt. McPelter be yoonanimously nominated for marshal, wich wuz put and carried before any discussion cood be hed.

At this pint, the nigger element in this Citizens' convenshun commenced fermentin. The preecher rose and wantid to know, afore any other nominashens wuz made, just eggsactly wat a citizens' convenshun wuz. When the colored citizens wuz invited to partissipate, it wuz presoomed that there wood be some deference paid to em, and that——

He didn't get any furder, for I called him to order, and reprimanded him mildly for interdoosin topics calkelated to disturb the operashuns uv a convenshun called in the interest uv peece and harmony. Immejitly Cymon McGrath nominated for constable Issaker Gavitt, wich wuz carried to wunst.

The nigger preecher rose wunst more and insistid on bein heerd. He remarkt that the colored citizens hed bin invited to jine in a convenshun that wuz for peece, and supposed that the offishels to be nominated wood be sich ez wood enshoor peece. But the perceedins didn't soot him much. Bascom hed bin nominated for mayor. It wuz at Bascom's house that the raid on the colored people hed bin decided on, and Bascom participated in it. Capt. McPelter hed bin nominated for marshel. Capt. McPelter last Toosday killed a brother-in-law uv the speeker. Issaker Gavitt hed bin nominated for constable. The speeker hed in his body that minit slugs from Issaker's shot gun. Ef the nominashens wuz to be all on one side—ef they wuz to be all Dimokrats, and all men wich hed bin persekooters of the colored people, why then—

Uv course I coodent stand that kind uv incendiary talk; I stopt him with the simple statement that while we wantid peece, and quiet, and sich, and desired to do ekal and eggsact justice, we wuznt agoin to allow no niggers to interfere in any way that wuz onpleasant. And moreover—

I didn't git any further with my speech, for by the time I hed uttered the word "moreover," Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter hed become enraged to a degree that admitted uv no reason. They went for them niggers fearful. Issaker happened to be near the preecher, and he gave him one under the left ear that wuz terrible, and that ended the harmony. The rest uv the white residents uv the Corners went for them niggers, and in less than ten minits all uv em wuz out uv that room, ceptin a dozen or more, who coodent get out owin to their injoories.

Uv course the effort to bring about peece and harmony with the niggers is a fallyoor. They are onreasonable. When they object to wat we want it riles the Corners, and when the Corners is riled there is no yoose uv attemptin anything. The idea! To think that these people wood object to sich men ez Bascom, Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter holdin offis! Wat kin be done with sich people? Wat sense is there in tryin to cooperate with em? Uv course we wanted peece and harmony and co-operashen, but uv course we never cood consent that a nigger cood be nominated for offis, or that a white man identified with em, cood be. I hev bin informed sence, that these wretches intended to nominate Joe Bigler for marshal, and that they expected that half the ticket wuz to be made up uv their friends!

I shel never attempt to co-operate with them onreasonable beins agin. It is impossible for em to understand the sitooashen, or to comprehend their posishen. I am disgusted with em.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY TRIES TO GET HIS PEOPLE IN AN ADVANCED POSITION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 3, 1874.

I hev bin for a long time convinst that the prinsiple trubble with the Democrisy wuz a sort uv lack uv progressivenis, of adaptability, ef I may so speak, to changes in the requirements uv the times. Dimocrisy has alluz bin in a rut, and it never kin git on to glory, in my opinyun, til it gits histed out uv it.

I determined that the Cross-Roads, at leest, shood be progressive, and shood take the lead in makin Dimocrisy all that it ought to be. In short, I perposed to inoggerate a noo deparcher, and bring the old party up abreast with the live ishoos uv the day.

To this end I consulted with Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter, and they agreed with me that that wuz wat ought to be done, and that no time shood be lost a doin uv it. Ever prompt, I segestid that we git together that very night, in the back-room at Bascom's, and draw up a progressive platform, wich shood go forth to the world ez the prinsipples uv the progressive Dimocrisy uv the Cross-Roads, wich we shood live by.

But the ill-luck wich hez followed me all my life, and hez well nigh brot my gray hairs in sorrow to the grave, wuz close behind me on this occashun. At five that afternoon, I wuz sent for to go to Secessionville to serve on a joory to try a nigger for hog steelin, wich uv course cood not be put off. I told Issaker, the Deekin and McPelter to git together, and draw up the resoloosheus and send em to the county paper to insert.

"Make em strong and peppery," I sed. "Avoid the musty noshens uv the dead past, and strike out suthin new and startlin. Make em progressive, and put yourselves in accord with to-day. Remember that all old things must be done away with and all things must become new. Head off the Ablishnists and Grangers and sich by goin back onto the old, and being more progressive than even they are."

With this advice I left and went to Secessionville and tried the nigger. We didn't waste any time on evidence or anything uv that sort. Nor did we leave the box. We brought him in guilty, and to save the county costs hung him at once.

I got home the next mornin, and went to Issaker's, immejit, to see wat they hed done.

"Did yoo draw up them resoloosheus?" I askt.

"We did," sed he, "and sent em off, and they are in print afore this time."

"Are they progressive?" askt I.

"Yoo bet!" sed he.

"Did yoo ignore old ishoos? did yoo draw a sponge over the past, and are they full of live, new ideas?"

"They are," sed he; "here is a copy uv em."

I took the paper and red:

"Whereas, It seems ez tho the Corners hed a call to step in the front rank uv the progressive men uv to-day, and

"Whereas, The Corners believin in progress, turns its back onto the dead past, and ignores the dead ishoos wich hez heretofore okkepied the public mind; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners believe the war of 1812 wuz justifiable, and hereby return their thanks to the heroic soljers and salers who so nobly sustained the honor uv the coontry's flag in that desprit struggle.

"Resolved that the resoloosheus uv '98 meet our harty approval, tho we aint jest certin wat they wuz.

"Resolved that the late war agin the South wuz conseeved in sin, and wuz a blow aimed at the only chivalry this country ever hed, and that the results therof wuz all brot forth in inikity.

"Resolved, That Afrikin slavery is not only justified by the Holy Skripters, but is the normal thing for this or any other country.

"Resolved, That we brand the emansipashen proclamashen ez emanatin from a gorilla, and the constitushnel amendment abolishen slavery ez a fraud wich we are not called upon to recognize.

"Resolved, That a nigger is a inferior bein, and that whoever asserts his rite to any ekality with the proud, sooperior Caucashen race is a fanatic and agitator, and ought not to be allowed to live in a free country.

"Resolved, That we still adhere fast y to the doctrine uv States rites, the rite uv secession, and the rite uv each state to govern itself ez it dam pleases.

"Resolved, That the laws agin marrying niggers should, for the perteckshun uv our young men be more rigidly enforced than ever.

"Resolved, That all legislashen agin the likker interest is uv——"

I cood read no longer. I dropped the paper and gnashed my teeth.

"Is this yoor idee uv suthin progressive?" I asked. "Is this yoor noshen uv buryin dead ishoos? Is this yoor idee of gettin into the van uv public opinyun and hevin some advanced noshens?"

"It's all the Democrisy we knew anything about," sed Issaker, and Deekin Pogram comin up remarkt that he hed stood onto sich a platform ez that ever since he hed voted, and it wuz good enuff for him.

It wuz no use to argue with them, for they are iron-clads. I merely remarkt to em that while they wuz about it they ought to hev resolved suthin about the stamp act, Hampden's opposishen to ship-money, the Punic wars, Alexander's invashen uv Asia, and above all tnings they shood hev protestid agin the imposishen uv the Egypshens in requirin the Israelite to make brix without straw.

"The trouble with them resoloosheus is," sed I, with a witherin look at em, "the subjex is too recent."

And I strode hastily away. The resoloosheus wuz in print, and will go North. Yoo cant git them old noshens out uv the head uv an old line Democrat any more than yoo kin keep em from drinkin corn whiskey. It hez alluz been my misforchoon to hev asses to deal with. Heaven help me, how much I hev to endoor at their hands.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich wuz Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY GOES TO OHIO ON A POLITICAL ERRAND.

(The state campaign in Ohio in 1875 involved the absurdity so graphically showed up in the following letter—of the nomination by the Demo- money man for governor on a greenback platform, and of a man who was noted as a temperance orator for lieutenant governor when the platform contained a free liquor plank.)

Pettuses Corners,
(Wich is in Suthern Ohio),
August 2, 1875.

Ther hez bin a heep uv trouble crowdid into the seventy yeers that I hev lived onto this earth—probably more than hez fallen to the lot uv any one man now livin. Them ez hez seen ez much trouble ez I hev all died

under it. I live becoz uv a mind that laffs at misforchoon, and defies fate. And besides I hev suthin to live for. So long ez ther's a barrel uv whisky attainable and a Dimekratic party, I perpose to exist. When they go out I shel probably succum.

I am hevin my regler amount uv trouble now. Jest ez soon ez the day come for the Dimekratic state convenshun at Columbus, I went over to Pettuses Corners, in Ohio, to assist in organizen that county for the ensooin eleckshun, for I realized the fact that ez Ohio goes this fall so the next Presidenshal eleckshun goes, and that the party calls upon every Democrat to do his whole dooty. For me success nex t yeer is cessity. That post offis at the Corners must be mine if ever. Failyoor would break my heart.

Pettuses Corners is the most Dimekratic uv all the villages in Suthern Ohio. It hez a populashen uv say 500, wich supports six prosperous groseries, two good bars at taverns, and a small skool-house, wich hez never bin finished, and in wich the Methodists hold their meetins. It is a very small skool house, but it is large enuff for the meetins on Sunday. The inhabitants mostly devote theirselves to politics and the groseries. The county offishels pay for the likker uv the rest uv the citizens, wich makes it a soft thing all around.

Uv course every Dimokrat in the county is born with the expectashen uv, some day, holdin a county offis. To be infirmary director is glory—to be county treasurer is the summit uv earthly grandyer. Them ez is successful start in ez infirmary directer, then they git to be county commishner, then the legislacher, then sheriff. At this pint most uv em goes hence with delirium tremens. Occasionally one whose stumick is glass-lined and backed up with fire-brick, goes on to be auditor and treaserer, but them is excepshuns. To go the whole string, a tremendus constitushen is necessary.

Ther ain't no money in holdin offis there, for it costs the entire salary the first year to sekoor the eleckshun, and the entire salary and a mortgage on yoor farm every yeer thereafter to keep it; but then an offishel can't treat a voter without drinkin likewise, so he hez a good time ef he does rooin hisself.

Naterally, however, some of them make theirselves good by an occasional defalcashen, and by spekelatin in county improvements; but oppertoonities is limited in the county, and it won't do ez a reliance.

I arrived at Pettuses the nite uv the day uv the convenshun, and wuz welcomed with open arms. I got the Dimocrisy together to ratify the nominashens, that we mite go into the campane with that enthoosiasm wich is necessary to success. We waited for the nominashens impatiently, and finally they came:

For Governor—Willyum Allen.

For Lieut. Governor—Samyooel F. Cary.

"Three cheers," I sung out, "for Allen and Cary!"

The cheers wuz given with a will. The Dimokrisy uv Pettus' Corners are excellent at cheerin.

The platform adopted by the convenshen hadn't come to hand, but I didn't care. I perceeded to draft a resoloosheu or two, for I knowd the candidates so well—I wuz so well posted ez to their antecedents and utterances—that I felt perfectly certin wat the platform wuz on wich they wuz placed, and I wrote the resoloosheus accordin. The follerin wuz the first:

Resolved, That it is the yoonanimous expreshun uv the Dimokrisy uv Pettuses Corners, that in nominatin for governor Willyum Allen, the elokent champion of hard money, the Dimocratic state convenshun merits the gratitood not only uv the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonited States, but uv every honest man. That his tringin denunciashen uv dirty rag-money, and his upholdin uv the old Dimocratic idee uv hard money, will, in the fucher, ez in the past, be potent for the perteckshun uv a long-sufferin and oppresst people.

"My friends," sed I, drawin myself up so ez to resemble Dan'l Webster ez much ez possible, "before yoo take a vote on this resolooshen, I hev a word to say. Willyum Allen, Ole Bill Allen, honest Ole Bill Allen, is emfatikally the people's friend. He is the natural enemy uv monopolists, uv banks, and bankers, and the most inveterate, vindictive, deadly enemy uv this flood uv rotten paper money wich hez so long afflicted the kentry and blited its prosperity. Honest Ole Bill Allen hez from hiz infancy denounst paper money ez the insidious foe uv the workin man, the destroyer uv the farmer, and the oppressive weapon uv the bloated aristocrat. In the Senit and on the stump, by voice and pen, Honest True Ole Bill Allen hez demandid that gold, hard, honest gold, only shood be considered money, and that the dirty, filthy rag money ishooed by a black Republican Congris be stampt out. That demand he renoos to-day—that demand a Dimekratic state convenshun hez made by nominatin him, and let us, the Dimokrisy of Pettuses Corners, nailin our kolors, 'Hard Money Forever!' to the mast, pass this resolooshen."

The speech fecht em, and the resolooshen wuz passed with sich emphasis ez I never seed. Then three rousin cheers wuz given for Honest Ole Bill Allen, the friend uv the people and the hope uv the country—the undaunted, unpurchisable friend uv hard money, and the denouncer uv rag money in watever shape it come.

So far so good. They passed this resolooshen easily, for ez none uv em ever had any money they never wuz pertikeler ez to wat pertikeler kind they endorsed, but the next step wuz reely a delikit one. I had knowd Sam Cary for years, and knowd him ez the very hed and front uv the temperance party uv the state. I knowd he wuz a Son uv Temperance and the most intolerable prohibishinist this state hed ever bin cust with. I hed myself heerd him denounce the likker seller ez only fit to be hung, and it hed bin my pleasin dooty to help rotten-egg him on several occashens when he wuz makin rabid temprance speeches. Hence I coodent quite understand why he wuz put upon the tickit. But I persoomed that our leaders hed determined on a bold stroke to ketch the temprance vote, relyin on the known characteristics uv the party to hold the whisky vote. So to give Samyool a send-off I interdoost this resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Dimokrisy uv Pettuses Corners endorse the nominashen uv Samyooel Cary heartily, and likewise the prinsiples he hez so long and ably advocated. That the likker traffic is a evil wich shood be mitigated and finelly eradicated.

There wuz some murmurin at this, but I tld em it wuz no yoose to murmur; that we hed to carry the state, and that the end justified the means. And the passed it with three cheers for Cary and prohibishen.

Then we adjourned to the various groseries, and the candidates worked up a great deal uv Dimekratic enthooslasm.

The next mornin we assembled at Splidden's grosery to get the Cinsin-

nati papers with the full persedins uv the convenshun, wich wen they arrived I read.

"Why this palenis of face and this ghastly bloonis uv nose?" demanded the sheriff.

"Run!" I exclaimed, "run for yoor lives. Stop the Battle-Axe uv Freedom (wich wuz the Dimekratic paper uv Pettus' Corners) from gittin out the perceedins uv last nite's ratification meetin."

It wuz too late; the editor hed showd enterprise for just wunst in his life, and hed the paper out with the percedins in full, and a stunnin editorial endorsin the resoloosheus.

"Wat is the matter?" exclaimed the entire crowd, seein that suthin uncommon moved me.

"Gentlemen, we hev made a mistake," I remarkt, with ez much camnis ez I cood command. "The Dimekratic state convenshun hez gone and put old Bill Allen on a rag-money platform, and Samyooel Cary on a whisky platform. I will never trust a Dimekrat's record agin."

There wuz only wun thing to do. The Dimekratic mind is flexible and versateel. We merely met agin that nite and passed the rite resoloosheus endorsin Allen and Cary, and the platform on wich the convenshun put em; and we passed em with just ez much enthusiasm ez we did em uv the percedin evenin, and everything is serene and harmonious agin.

I shel stay in this county and organize the party thoroughly before goin to my old Kentucky home.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wunst Postmaster, and now Paper-money Missionary.

MR. NASBY OPENS THE 1876 CAMPAIGN WITH ADVICE TO HIS FRIENDS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 17th, 1876.

Another campane is well-nigh onto and I feel the blood a bilin in my vanes. Like the war hoss turned out to grass—wich literally I hev bin ever sence the bustin uv the onlimited Trust and Confidence Company—I heer the blare uv the trumpet, and I prick up my ears and tale, and cry ha! ha! to the carnage. I smell the smoke uv the conflict, and I smell, likewise, the plunder underneath that smoke. I see in the distance, success, and behint that success, post-offis. Postoffis! Postoffis! Deliteful words! Wat Democrat is ther that woodent git enthoosiastic over that prospeck! I shel go into this campane with my sleeves rolled up.

This is our last chance for a complete success. Success is wat we must hev, and that we may attain that success, I shel throw out a few words uv admonishen, wich will be apples uv gold sot in pictures uv silver. We hev bin pasturin on barren feelds too long, and the fat bottoms of offishl patronage kin only come into our hands by acoot and skillful management.

But ther is difficulties in the way, no matter where we turn. Dimocrisy is a curious combination—a curios and singler mixter. In the East to be a Democrat is to be a hard money man, uv the hardest possible stripe—in the West to be a Democrat is to be a soft money man, uv the softest possible stripe. Tilden, uv Noo York, who wood like to carry the Democratic banner to victory, proposes to put onto its folds "Hard-

money!" Allen, uv Ohio, who wuz resurrected from his twenty years' sleep, on purpus to embarrass the party, proposes to put on the banner, ef it is given to him, "Soft-money and no end on't." Ef we put up Tilden and hard money, Allen and soft money kills him—ef we put up Allen and soft money, Tilden and his friends hev the sweetest kind uv a knife for his innocent throte, and when we come to tariff and banks, there is an ekally onreconcilable differens uv opinyun.

To reconcile these diffrences is impossible. There ain't no yoose in tryin it, and I ain't a goin to. Dodgin is now, ez ever, the Democrats' best holt. The man wich kin lift jist two hundred pounds shows mighty little discreshn wen he strains hisself at 250, and I am a man uv discreshn. We must hev nuthin to do with the questions on wich anybody differs. Ignorin is wisdom.

Ther ain't only on ishoo on wich the Dimocrisy kin plant itself, with any hope uv success—only one question on wich there kin be perfect yoonanimity—and that ishoo is Reform! On that we are a yoonit—on that we kin agree ez sweetly ez a spring mornin.

It is not my judgment alone that I depend onto in this matter. I hev consultid all the leaders uv the party onto it—that is all the actooal leaders, them ez actooally control things. I writ to that gileless patriot Willyum Tweed, Esq., who is now a pining on a furrin shoar in consekence uv a corrupt joory, wich enquired ez to wat he hed done with ten millions uv the public munney, and wuz not content to take his word for it that he hed spent it legally. His anser wuz so strikinly in accordance with my noshens uv things that I give the heart ev it:

"Let our watchword be 'Reform and Purity in Official Posishen.' Ef my lawyers kin git them indictments squashed in time, I will come home and help in the campane. I kin yit controle over two hundred s'loons in the lower wards uv the city, and ef I kin git back back I kin organize my old forse, and restore Tammany to its old posishen, ez the controller uv the Dimocrisy. The trick uv repetin hez not bin forgotten, and I kin handle them fellers ez well ez ever I cood. 'Reform and Purity' is my watchword."

Peter B. Sweeny, who is yit in Paris, a livin ruther quiet than otherwise, wuz still more emphatic. He sez—but I will give his own words:

"Reform is wat we want. I am tired uv livin abroad, and I want to git back to Noo York. I want a hand in the comin campane, for I hev jis ez much power ez ever, ef I kin only git the cussid Republikins out uv the way. The repeeters ain't ded yit; and ez ship-loads uv patriotic Irishmen who are willin to take offis ez soon ez they land, are a comin every day, I kin help to govern Noo York ez well ez ever I did. But wat yoo want to do is to make this fite on reform and purity. Do this and git me and Tweed back, and we will make things hum. There is Noo York and its tax levies for the victors, and ef the currency, tariff, and all them miner questions are squelched, and the battle is fought on the simple question uv reform and personal purity in offishl posishen we kin win it. Reform is our watchword, and that is wat I insist upon. I am absent but not forgotten."

Connolly, who is residin in Belgium, where there is no extradishen treaty, and consekently where the laws uv the United States forchnitly can't reach him, wich makes him entirely independent uv the country wich he hez adoptid, writ me a letter in wich he give me his views ez to the situashen, wich is ez follers:

"I hev only wun interest in the ensooin eleckshun—only wun. A lonely eggsile on a furrin shoar, I cast my eyes longinly to my native land

and yearn fur it. Sence me and the rest uv old Tammany hev left Amerikky I hev observed with more disgust than I kin put language into, the corrupshens that hev eaten out the hart uv the country uv my adopshen. I earnestly hope that the Dimocrisy will take hold uv this thing in earnest and reform it. Wat we want is purity. Owin to circumstances—wich the same is indictments—I can't come back persnelly to assist in the shindy, but I pledge to yoo the yoose of my old and stanch repeeters in the lower wards of Noo York, wich, ef they kin depend onto havin their expensis paid and their whack in the offises, and in contracks after the eleckshuns, kin be depended on to do the work jist ez good ez ever they did. Let the platform be heavy and solid for purity and reform."

Oakey Hall wants reform and purity, and in sich a coz he is willin to give a fourth uv the forchin he made when he was the astoot rite bower of Tweed.

I hev heerd from em all. The Dimocrisy uv the Sixth ward uv Noo York, wher I wunst run a small grosery, are to a man for reform. Pendleton wants reform, and every man wich wuz turned out of offis when Johnson went out is a clamorin for it.

The Southern Dimocrisy wants reform. They say in their letters to me, "Give us a Reform platform, and we'll put away our shotguns, and keep our hands off the niggers till after the eleckshuns, shoor. We won't insist on our rites to kill niggers, and keep em from havin anything to do with matters, till the elecshun uv a Dimecratic President gives us the rite to do ez we please." Their constant remark is, "Go in heavy for Reform, and make that the one ishoo."

The dooty uv the party is clear. Give us a platform based entirely onto reform. We kin carry it. It is a great many yeers sence we wuz in power, and by this time the people hev forgotten us and they will take us eezy. If we do this we kin succeed beyond question. The Millenium ain't come yit, nor hez there bin any especial change in things. We hev the doggeries, the Catholic church and all the lower elements. They are alluz ours, and they are ez strong ez ever. Until sin goes out uv the world there will be a Dimekratic party. Humanity in the United States is divided into two classes—them ez wear clean shirts and sox, and—Dimocrats. And so long ez this division is observed we are sound.

It is a good time for us. Everything is in our favor. It hez bin a cold spring—the farmers are all behind with their work. Ther hez bin frost in places, wich hez destroyed the froot, and ther is a joyful prospeck uv a short crop uv everything. The people is dissatisfied about it, and uv course they will charge everything to the administrashen. A failyoor uv the potato crop is worth thousands uv votes to theDimocrisy, any time. It is only when things is jist ez bad ez they can that anybody ever thinks uv goin to the Dimocrisy for a change.

Wat we want is a good mouth-fillin platform—a platform wich looks well, and wich the pople will be satisfied with. Troo, wat is promised afore eleckshun and wat happens afterward is two things, but let to-morrow take care uv itself. Wat we want now is success.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich hopes to be Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY'S EXPERIENCE AT THE DEMOCATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 9th, 1876.

I determined to hev a hand in the nominashen to be made at St. Loois, for in case we elect our candidate I hev a rather pressin desire to hev suthin to say in the distribooshen uv patronage—that division uv spoils wich is alluz so pleasin to the weary soljer who hez won his fite.

I wuzn't eggsackly pertickeler ez to wich candidate I supported, for, jest at this time I am ez flexible in my preferences ez a kid glove. I simply determined to throw my inflooence to the man who cood the best enable me to git square with the people uv the Corners, who hev so long and pashently give me credit for the food I hev et, and the likker I hev consoomed. Cloze I don't keer much for; for the summer is onto us, and people will hang linen cloze out on the lines to dry em, and ef an enterprisin man can't keep hisself comfortable at this season, it is becoz heis averse to midnite rambles.

I shan't say who it wuz or wher it wuz done, but a prominent Democrat who is anxious to be persuaded to serve one term, at least, ez President, did furnish me with money to go to Washington to inflooence sich delegates ez mite be there, in his interest.

When I got to Washington I wuz trooly sorry that I hed undertaken the work. I feared I shood fail, and twict I seriously thought ef it woodent be best, to save my reputashen, to quietly go to Canada, and remain there permanently. But I felt that wood be a breach uv confidence and beside ther wuzn't money enuff to keep me till the affair should be forgotten, and I cood come back honorably. So I determined that I wood be honest, and carry out my contrack faithfully.

The question with me wuz, how to do it? Wood Dimekratic delegates take money for their votes in a convenshun that wuz to decide the fate uv the kentry? Never! I felt it wood be an insult to offer it to em, and I really didn't care to. And my feer increased when I heerd a dozen on em denouncin the usin uv money to inflocence delegates, I felt I shood hev to go back and refund the cash, wich nearly broke my hart. I wuz sad in hevin money to yoose among men uv sich Spartan virchoo that not wun uv em wood tech a cent uv it for their votes.

But it happened on nite I wuz standin in the bar room at Willard's, a quietly takin another wun with a passel uv Democratic friends, when under the inflooence uv the last wun, I happened injudishusly to drop the remark that I hed money to yoose for a favorit son. I hev been leeky for some time past when I hev taken eight or ten drinks too much, and this wuz leekiness that wuz inexcoosible. But I sed it, and had to abide the consekences. There wuz sich a change come over that crowd ez I never saw afore come over mortle men.

"Wat is the number uv yoor room?" askt a dozen uv em glowrin at the rest, with looks uv wrath.

"Wat hour kin I see yoo to-night?" eagerly demanded a dozen more.

"I controle the delegashen uv my state!" whispered in my ear a dozen more.

And immejitly twenty delegates undertook to put their arms thro mine,

and haul me off in different direcshuns, and they pulled so vischusly that my coat, wich I borrowed uv Deekin Pogram to come in, wuz well-nigh rooined.

I got away from em, finelly, and got into my room. Then cards commenst comin up from delegates from every state in theYoonyun, to wich I paid no attention, for I saw the box I hed got into. In about five minits them ez sent the cards commenced comin theirselves, and I locked the door. But this did not avale. Four uv em got into a row at the door ez to wich uv em shood hev the first lick at me, and in the skrimmage they fell aginst the door and bustid it open. There wuz then no escape. The crowd poured in and I wuz pulled and hauled wuss than a stranger is by Noo York hackmen.

"I kin controle the delegashen uv my state," shouted one, "and wat yoo hev to yoose on that state yoo want to give to me."

"It's a lie!" shouted another patriot, "I hev that state in the holler uv my hand, and wat yoo hev devotid to that state will be wasted ef I don't git it."

"I don't keer a cuss wat candidate yoo are figgerin for," shouted another. "yoo can't nominate him until yoo hev seen me."

"Gentlemen!" shouted I.

"Heer!" yelled they all.

And one enterprisin man pulled me to one side, and remarked that he hed the power to nominate any man he choosed, ef a trifle over four thousand dollars cood be hed to fix up a few refractory delegates who were then in Washington.

They worried me so that I wuz well-nigh dead — at least I almost wished I were, and in despair I rushed to my burow-drawer, determined to take wat had bin entrusted to me and throw it among em, hopin in the scramble that would ensoo to get out safe. So a Rooshn mother throws her children to the wolves to save her own life.

Frantically I rushed to that drawer, but, grashus hevins! it wuz open and the pockit book wuz gone! An akoot delegate hed stolen it, while the rest uv em wuz fitin over me. And wat wuz more aggravatin he hed taken my other shirt and a box uv paper collars that hed bin bot for me, that I mite make a decent appearance among the Washinton Dimocrisy.

The moment this wuz announced they all left me and went in pursoot uv the delegate wat hed the spoils. But, thank heaven, they didn't catch him.

It's ruther discouraging when men who are in pursoot uv reform hev to encounter sich venality. Wat kin be expected uv a government when a party devoted to reform treats its mishunaries in this way? How I am ever agoin to meet my candidate is more than I know. I am weary and sad, and besides I hevn't got enough money to take me home.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wich hopes to be Postmaster.

THE DISPUTED PRESIDENCY OF 1876.

The following six letters cover the exciting period of the disputed Presidential election of 1876, the Electoral Commission, and the inauguration of Hayes:

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 1, 1877.

The probabilities are that we are beaten for this time, and that for four long, dreery years the Dimocrisy will hev to feed upon dry husks,

while our nateral enemies, the Radikels, are enjoyin the joocy steaks uv offishl patronage. The Radikels hev bulldozed us, or ruther, our bulldozin wuzn't uv any account. Our efforts wuz uselis, and our powder and buckshot wuz wasted.

My first impulses wuz to give up the weary struggle, and go out uv politix, but I can't. I hev held offis, and I can't relinquish the hope that I shel once more fill an offishl posishen, and live upon the people.

But to do this ther hez got to be a change in the polisy uv the Dimocratic party. It wont do any longer to depend on printid matter and speech-makin. Wat it called "appeels to reeson" must be abandoned, becoz the more reeson is appeeled to, the less strength we hev. Reeson ain't in our line.

Neether will it do to talk uv reform. It don't anser to put up a man like Tilden, and stand him up between John Morrissey and Fernandy Wood, and try to make anybody bleeve in a pure government from them. It won't work. It didn't work and it never will. We hev tried the respectability dodge till I am tired uv it. To do that rekires clean shirts, and no genuine Democrat feels comfortable or easy in em. And besides when yoo git one of our fellows to go into clean linen, and get him everything else conformin, the chances are that he goes over to the Radikels to wunst. I've knowd several sich cases.

We struck for freedom, but we didn't strike rite. To wrest the government from the hands uv the oppressor, and hev a trooly republikin government—one based upon the free suffrages uv a free people—we must change our methods, and sale on a new tack.

Our nateral holt is the lower classes, and if Tilden is wise he will stick where his surest dependence is, and throwin himself boldly on em, devote all his energies to strengthenin that class.

He spent this yeer three millions uv dollars and failed. Now suppose he commences to wunst with three millions more, and lays the foundashens deep and wide for a victry in 1880! It kin be done.

Let him immejitly establish lines uv sailin vessels to Ireland, to the minin deestricks uv England, where a bull-pup is counted higher than a baby, to the poorest parts uv Italy, and bring over free uv charge all that can be indoost to come. He must dodge France, for Frenchmen hev got a noshen uv liberty and equality wich unfits em for our purposes, and Germany, likewise, for Germans mostly read. He mite git some few from France and Germany, but they want to be carefully examined.

It wood require ten thousand plantid in Ohio to carry that state, six thousand wood fix Noo Hampsheer, and that gives us the electoral college beyond a peradvencher, and at a comparative small cost.

By movin out the surplus we hev in Noo York, I don't know but wat we might capcher Illinoy; at all events, we can make Injeany absloetly shoor. Connecticut and Noo Jersey we kin alluz count on, for repeeters from Noo York kin easily take them states any time.

Ez for the South, we kin hold them states ef we commence to wunst, and foller up our work carefully. We musn't put off nigger killin to the month before the eleckshun, thus givin uv em time to prepare theirselves, but it must be commenst now, to-day, and keep up slowly but shoorly, until the principle that white men must rool Ameriky shel be firmly established.

The nigger must be given to understand that onless he gits safely into the bosom uv the Dimekratic party he is liable at any minut to git into

Abraham's bosom—that unless he casts his ballot like a freeman with the Dimocrisy, he can't hev any work, and ef he owns land, he won't be allowed to work that. And they must be electioneered now, so ez to git em in the proper frame uv mind to be enthoosiastic by the time four years rolls around.

This then wood be our sitooashen:

Fifty thousand additional votes from furrin shoars, distributid through the close states, carryin them.

The nigger vote either convertid to Dimocrisy or killed.

This gives us not only the Presidency, but the Senit. The House we hev, and that wood be so strengthened that nothin under hevin cood touch it.

Think uv the prospect!

Uv course all this will take time, money and pashense. These freemen will not only hev to be brot here, but they will hev to be carefully looked after. Groseries will hev to be established at proper points, the price uv likker must be put down so ez to come within the reach uv the most humble, and wher the voter isn't able to buy, he must hev it free. With groseries enuff, skool-houses and meetin-houses will languish, and all the impediments in the way uv a great Dimekratic triumph will be removed. We kin plant Confedrit X Roads all over the country, and they are unassailable.

One-half the money used in spreddin out reeding matter for people wich coodent read wood hev brot enuff troo patriots to our shores to hev decided this eleckshun, and given us the postoffises this yeer. I lay great stress upon the Irish, for an Irishman kin git hisself to be a voter, and ask for an offis quicker than any man on the face uv the globe. He is espeshally fittid for holdin offis.

The nigger vote we kin git beyond question. A moral idee is all well enuff, but it can't hold out agin a shot-gun. Insted uv havin great masses uv em to be kept away from the poles, and hevin em throwd out by Returnin boards, we will either hev em goin up gladly to vote the Dimekratic tikit, or else quietly reposin under the sod. When a nigger kin be killed for ten cents, wat is the yoose uv hevin him to bother us? Only we want to commence immediately.

I don't know that it is any yoose to bother with the niggers at all. Ef a proper disposishen is made uv the raw material wich finds its way to Noo York, we kin let em vote, and still carry enuff of the saates for nashnel purposes. Still it isn't fair to leeve our Southern brethren groanin with all the state and county offises in the hands uv the Radikels. There must be enuff uv em killed or converted to wrest lokle rule from the hands uv the Ablishnists.

Ef these suggestions is carried out, ther won't be any trouble in hevin a glorious victry four yeers from now. Ther is just ez much material to work with now ez ever—all that is wantid is to yootilize it properly. The Dimocrisy wants to git back to its legitimit material, and work it up properly. I hev hopes uv a postoffis yit.

I am reddy to devote myself to this work now, and to continyoo it unremittinly for four years. I am willing to let the nashnel committy furnish me with four barls uv whisky, a box uv herrin, and portrates uv Tilden and Hendrix to adorn my walls, and I will take any small village in Southern Ohio, and act ez missionary for the comin four years. And I will guarantee to hev that precinct fixed, so that the waves uv Radikelism will beet agin it in vane.

Ther may be consined to me enuff emigrants to overcome watever Radikle majority ther may be, in the lokality, and I will try to find work enuff to keep em twelve hours, that they may pay for wat likker they want the other twelve. This makes it pleasant for them and for me, and the coz will be strengthened.

Let the committy consider this idee, and act on it to-wunst. It is our only salvashen. The Dimokrisy hev alluz won when they dug down— never when they looked upward.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY'S VOICE IS FOR WAR.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 15, 1877.

Halleloogy! The Dimocrisy hev finally got theirselves nerved up to the pint uv demandin Tilden or blood, and I am happy!

I wuz at Columbus, Ohio, the eighth uv Janooary, and I left ther feelin better than I hev sense the eleckshun. I found ther a rampant war spirit that more than did me good. It wuz trooly a representative convenshun. There wuz present in that body every man in the state who wants a fedrel appintment—evry man who wood like to be postmaster or collector wuz there, and in the matter uv patriots who wanted furrin mishuns the convenshun wuz remarkably strong and intellectocal.

They wuz all thirstin for gore, onless Tilden cood be inoggeratid peeceably, and the feelin increased ez time wore on. Them ez wuz in the bar-rooms at the Neil and the Amerikin hotels, ez wuz for blood only ez a last resort, at six o'clock, became aggressive at eight, sanguinary at ten, and by twelve they wuz more than ragin for somebody's blood. Every drink they took made em sanguinarier, and about one I carried up to bed a dozen uv the most blood-thirsty Democracy I ever see.

I do love to assist patriots who are in that pekoolyer condishn to bed, at about twelve at night. They never can tell the next mornin wher they left their pocket handkerchers, and gloves, and wat loose change they hev about em. I alluz found the good Samaritan biznis profitable.

Ef these same men hed only gone into the Confedrit army in 1861, and talk fite half ez dangerous ez they say they are a goin to now, there never wood hev bin no Hays elected this year.

It is singler how many ablishnists are alive and with good appetites, wich these bold men mite hev killed twelve yeers ago. But we are alluz missin our best opportunities.

I rejoist at the feelin in Columbus, for I hev decided that I want war, in any event. We hev hed peece long enuff, and we must hev commoshen.

I notist wunst wen I wuz engaged in earnin my livin by lyin on my back and see my mother bile soap, that when the kittle biled the scum cum to the surfis. Wat we need now is to hev it bile, and hence all sich convenshuns ez that at Columbus meets my hearty approval.

It don't cost nothin to resolve, and where three or four Dimocrats are gathered together they kin resolve jist as well ez tho they wuz a hundred or a thousand. I want em to git together and resolve to wunst. They must resolve, first, that they know Tilden is electid, and, second, ef it is declared by the Senit or Soopreme court, or any other power on the face of the earth that he aint, they will inoggerate him by force. That is

wat we want, and the work uv resolvin musst be commenst to wunst.

I hev made an akkerit calkelashen, and am convinst that gore is the most profitable thing for the Dimocrisy, take em ez they run.

The Dimocrisy in the lower wards uv Noo York haint got anything to lose by a war, or anything else, nor hev we of the Cross-Roads. But the rich stores uv the Republikin merchants uv Noo York, the rich factries uv the mill-men and manufactrers uv Noo England, the rich farms uv the Republikins uv Ohio, and the furnaces and manufactries uv the Republikins uv Pennsilvany, and the banks uv the Republikin bankers uv the whole country, they wood make sich pickin ez the armies wich Tilden and reform wood send forth never saw. My very mouth waters wen I think uv it.

Ez a matter uv course there are Dimocratic merchants, manufacturers, bankers and farmers, who wood come in for an ekal distribution uv their effects among the sturdy defenders of the reform idee, and they mite murmur, but they ought not to. The Dimocratic masses, wich hev bin waitin and waitin for fifteen yeers, must hev their innins, and them innins must be made ez good ez possible. Cleerly the biznis Dimocrisy must not complane when we let loose the dogs uv war. War must be made, that in the disorder follerin it, there kin be that re-distribooshen uv property wich men ez hev bin selfishly labrin all their lives hev inikitusly accoomulated.

In fact, I hed ruther Tilden wood sale into the Presidency thro bloody seas, than to hev him walk to it peeceably. We shood then hev a solid South, and the North wood be dividid so that it coodent do nuthin but pay the taxes. Then we shood repoodiate the national debt, ishoo greenbax till every one uv us wood hev all we cood carry, and we shel hev flush times. I think, with the experience I hed in the last war, I cood make enuff out uv a good healthy war to keep me comfortable doorin the few days I am in this vale uv teers. It is an opportooonity wich we can't let slip. We don't pay no taxes, so that burden don't fall on us, and we git all the benefits. The idee uv livin on the enemy is deliteful.

Let us hev more convenshuns. Let us meet everywhere and resolve. Let the Dimocrisy everywhere come together and resolve for Tilden or blood. There ain't no community, however small, that hezn't got in it at least five patriots wich want places, and where there can't be any more, five is enuff. By hollerin' very loud a few men kin make considerable noise.

We hold our convenshun at the Cross-Roads to-morrow. We hev the arrangements all made. Pollock and Bigler is in Louisville, buyin goods, the niggers darsent come near when they are away, and there won't be no trouble. We shel hev the Corners to ourselves, and we shel pass sich resolutions ez will make Noo England quail.

The prospect is cheerin, and I am happy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

P. S.—Ez soon ez war is declared, three hundred uv the solid Dimocrisy uv the Corners will rush to the front, ef the Dimocratic nashnel committy will send money enuff to pay their fares to the scene uv conflict, and git em each a pare uv pants and shoes, so that they may rush in some comfort. This aid will be strikly necessary. Contribushens for this purpose may be sent to me now.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY WANTS TO MODIFY THE COMMISSION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 20, 1877.

I most hartily endorse the plan for leavin out the Presidenshel question to a jint commishn to be made up from the Senit and the House, and the Supreme court, the members uv the latter to be determined by lot. This thing uv injectin the element uv chance into a game wher yoor opponent hez ded-wood on yoo, is pleasant and very kind. By doin this we are playin on even terms, the Republikins furnishin all the stakes. A gambler wich woodn't take such chances is not worthy uv the name.

By this plan the Presidency is made a matter uv chance. All I ask now is a slite change in the method. Under the jint committee's plan, ef we are lucky enuff to git the odd member uv the Soopreme court, Tilden and reform goes in, and I git my postoffis. I am trustin my fortunes to the blind goddiss. Ef it is to be made a matter uv chance wat is the yoose of worryin so many men? Two kin decide it ez well ez a dozen, and instid uv hevin so many I beg to make the follerin sejestions:

1. That the Dimocrisy elect a strictly representative Dimocrat, and the Republikins a strikly representative Republikin, with two umpires and one bottle holder, wich shel be me.

2. That them two set down, and play seven-up, yooker, or the more muskeler game uv freeze out, to determine whether Tilden and reform, or Hayes and oppression, shel be President for the next four yeers.

3. The two representative men may determine for theirselves the game and its condishens. Ef freeze-out, they may make the amount ez large or ez small as they choose; ef any other game, they may make it the best two in three, the best three in five, or the best four in seven, or the first fifty-one in a hundred, or any way they may choose, so that they get thro by the 4th uv March. I shoodn't want the struggle to run longer than that, for the biznis interests uv the Corners is sufferin. My bill at Bascom's is runnin up enormously, and ez I owe all the citizens, trade is blocked till I git the postoffis, so ez to pay suthin, and put money into cirkelashen. I must hev that postoffis soon or perish, or else bankrupt Bascom.

4. The winner to name the President, and the people to acquiesce without a murmur.

I wood sejest ez the representative Republikin for this purpose, Mr. Frelinhuysen, uv Noo Jersey. For the representative Dimocrat ther ain't no need for my namin him at all. The entire Dimocrisy, in one voice wood exclaim, "John Morrissey." Ef it wuz seven-up, for shoor, I shood urge Issaker Gavitt, whose skill in turning Jack from the bottom at the critikle pint when both sides hez six, and he hez the deel, is well known at the Corners; but ez the other party shood hev some voice in decidin wat game is to be played, it is safer to hev Morrissey. He hez bin at the hed uv the Dimocrisy uv Noo York so long that all games is alike to him, and with him the Dimocrisy may rest in perfect sekoority.

This way uv settlin the matter is more simple and ekally constooshnel with the other, and it wood make things excitin for a while. Spose it wuz agreed to hev it seven-up and the best two in three. Think uv these reports from the Assoshiated Press:

"The Presidenshal Games!—Frelinhuysen Two!—Morrissey One!—Thanksgivin in the Churches!—The Freedmen Jubilant!—Later—Morrissey Turns Jack, and Makes High, Low and Game!—End uv the First Game—Morrissey Shows Out on High and Low!—Frelinhuysen Accuses Him uv Cheatin!—A Day of Fastin Ordered, and the Gin Mills Illuminate!"

Then the second game:

"The first game conceded to Morrissey!—Gold rises to 112!—The manufactrers disheartened!—The South jubilant!—Frelinhuysen deals!—Morrissey begs!—Frelinhuysen gives him one, and Morrissey claims a misdeal, wich the umpire allows!—Morrissey makes four!—The niggers discurridged and the South jubilant! Second hand—Frelinhuysen makes high and low, and Morrissey jack and game!—Morrissey one pint to go and his deal!—The Presidenshl question settled!—Morrissey turns Jack, winnin the rub, and electin Tilden and reform!—Congratulatory dispatch from the President-elect!—Chagrin uv the Republikins!—Morrissey serenadid!—'I simply did my dooty!'—Morrissey to be secretary uv the Treasury!"

Ef this plan is not adoptid, I shel hev a less opinyun uv Congris than ever. It is quick and simple. I bleeve in simplicity like a Roman.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

MR. NASBY'S IDEA OF THE STATUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 3, 1877.

I wuz wunst in favor uv the jint commishun, and wuz eager to hev it. When it wuz ez good ez shoor that a majority uv the judges wood be Dimecratic, givin us a majority uv one in the lot, I bleevd it to be constooshnel. When it lookt ez tho we cood get Tilden and reform in that way, and make me shoor uv my postoffis, I preferred it to blood. I am not, ez a general thing, a thirster for gore. I hed much rather hev Tilden buy his way into the Presidency than to hev to fite for it. When I think uv his barls uv money, and remember his skill in distribbitin uv it, I say with the poet:

"Ther is a weepin firmer set,
And surer than the bayonet."

Tilden and reform hez a better show with dollars than they ever did with bayonets, tho I really bleeve that a Dimecrat who hez bin hungerin for an offis sixteen yeers, wood fite for it rather than not git it. Shood we ever come to the arbitrashen uv arms, I shel, ef I hev command uv the Tilden and reform forces, mas nass them all in front of the capitol, and hang onto the other side, so that they kin all see it, a banner with this inscripshen:

"Commishns for post offises made out here!"

Ther wood be sich a rush ez all the troops that cood be constooshnelly concentrated in Washinton coodent withstand. Artillery coodent keep the patriots back.

But this is a digreshn. Wat I wantid to say wuz, Providence takes better keer uv the Republikin party than it does uv itself. For jist ez we hed it all fixed to hev the commishn appintid, and hed ded-wood on hevin Davis for the fifth judge, givin us a majority, that self-seekin man hed to go and be electid to the Senit from Illinoy, makin it necessary to hev Bradley in his place, wich is pizen. And when Tilden and reform begged Davis to decline the Senit and git into the commishn, that selfish man remarkt he'd see him further fust, and leaves one hundred thousand Dimocrats wich wants appintments on the anxshus seet.

With Bradley on the commishn, the Corners is cleerly uv the opinyun that it is unconstooshnel. Sich a thing wuz never contemplatid by the fathers, it wuz never done afore, and ther ain't no precedent for it. The idee uv hevin a compermise in wich the Dimocrisy didn't git more than twice wat they claimed, is suthin new in Amerikin history. I don't comprehend it.

Ef this commishn wuz to give Hayes a chance, wat did he want it for? He hed 185 votes, and wat is the yoose uv goin thro all this formality, onless the objick is to hist him? When I play I want the keerds properly put up—ef I want to make a livin by work, ther ain't no yoose in playin it at all. It wrencht my moral back to acksede to a violashen uv the constooshn when we wuz to make suthin by it—but to violate that sacred instroument, and then lose the postoffises by it, is too terrible.

The Dimocrisy mite ez well prepare for war to-wunst, and be done with it. I see nuthin else. It is impossible that I shood live four yeers longer and see all the offises filled with Ablishnists, and we out uv place, and hev em flaunt their commishns in our faces and taunt us with holdin uv em by virchoo uv a commishen wich we urged.

I am ekal to a great deel uv greef—I hev philosophy enuff for almost anything. I hev dropt a bottle afore I hed moistened my lips at its strength-givin mouth, and hev seen its golden contents flow sadly away on the sidewalk, lost forever. I hev bustid a jug Saturdy nite, after all the groseries wuz shut up, and I hev failed to borrow a dollar wher I thot I hed a ded-shoor thing onto it. All these woes I hev survived, but this one I cannot. The agony is too long drawn out. I will not stay in the Corners four yeers and see a radikel nigger distribbit the paper that comes here, and stand and read lottry circlers to our citizens. And then when I think that that man lets the money wich our confidin citizens send to lottries, go direct to their destination, swellin the coffers uv a pack uv swindlers in Noo York, instid uv takin uv it out, and spendin it at Bascom's, I am drivin almost to madnis.

Is it to be expectid that I am to support a commishn wich is shoor to continyoo sich outrages ez these? I will fite fust, and the Corners sustains me.

On receet uv money enuff to buy suffishent cloth to half sole the trowsis uv our citizens, so that our noble-hearted wimmen won't have to stand in front uv em all the time when they drill, I will organize a company to wunst. New trowsis wood encurridge the Corners jist now, mitily. Ez commander uv the forsis I ought to hev a noo pare uv boots.

I feel more like fitin for the constitooshen now than I hev sence I enlisted in the Looisiana Pelikens in 1861.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

THE CORNERS MEET AND RESOLVE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 17, 1877.

The die is cast. The deed is dun. After the sooperhooman efforts uv Tilden and Morrissey to give the people a reform government, a unconstooshnel and partizan triboonel hez countid the yoosurper Hayes into the Presidenshel chair, and the postoffises is to be continyood in the poshesion uv the Radikels. We can't help it—Tilden can't help it—Morrissey can't help it, nor can I help it. Tilden did his best for purity and reform—no man

livin ever made more sacrifices in the intrest uv a pure government than he did. He paid over $8,000 to buy up one elector in Oregon, and he spent over three millions in buyin up voters in the other states. Ef, after that the idee uv reform in the government failed, his skirts is cleer.. The country kin go to the dogs, but heis guiltless. He wood hev spent more money hed ther bin any place to spend it to advantage.

The news uv the ackshun uv the commishn plunged the Corners into despare, immejitly. Bascom sed he mite ez well make an assignment towunst and quit, for onless he cood git sum reddy money out uv the holders uv fedrel posishens, ther wuz no yoose keepin his bar open. Continyooal chargin wuz altogether too heroic for him. And the indignashen uv them ez expectid federal appintments wuz terrible. They didn't say much, but there wuz that compressin uv the lip, that ominous silence ez they took ther drinks, that meant more than mere words.

We met to consider the sityooashen, the nite the nooze reached us, and stirrin speeches wuz made by me, and the others.

Th follerin resolooshens wuz offered:

Wareas, The only objick uv the jint commishn wuz to declare Tilden electid, and

Wareas, Ef that wuzn't the objick wat wuz the yoose uv hevin the jint commishn at all, ez Ferry cood jist ez easy declare the eleckshen uv Hayes ez the jint commishn, and

Wareas, The jint commishn ain't jest exactly wat the Dimocrisy expectid it wood be, therefore be it

Resolved, That the ackshen uv Judge Davis in acceptin a seet in the Senit from Illinoy, wich preventid him from goin onto the jint commishn, deserves the reprobashen uv every troo Democrat, pervided Judge Davis wood hev votid first, last, and all the time, in an unpartisan way, with the Dimocratic members ef he hed gone onto the commishn. Ef he woodn't hev done this, it don't make any difference, and this resolooshen goes for nothin.

Resolved, That the ackshen uv the Dimocratic members uv the commishn in stickin like wax to the Dimekratic vew uv the case, in an unpartisan way, and never under any circumstances votin with the radikel members, meets the approval uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, ez bein in the highest degree patriotic and proper. The Dimekratic members by adherin to their party ez closely ez they did, deserve the hearty approval uv every Dimekrat in the land. The Corners says, "Well dun, good and faithful servants," and ef we kin raise money nuff for another struggle for reform, we shel say to them, "Go up higher."

Resolved, That the ackshen uv the Republikin members uv the commishn, in votin every time in akkordance withthe wishes uv ther party, deserves the severest reprehension uv the people. Their blind partisanship —their inability to raise theirselves above the level uv Republikinism— ther stubborn refoosals to vote with the Dimocrisy, and let Tilden and reform slide through, shakes our confidence in human nacher, and makes us tremble for the republic. The Corners with one voice pints the finger uv scorn at them, and withers em by declarin it hez no longer any confidence in em.

Resolved, That ez the commishn wuzn't put up ez the Corners wantid it, and ez its decision he n't bin wat the Corners wants, the Corners demands that it to wunst dissolve, holdin that with Bradley onto it, it wuz conseeved in sin and brot forth in iniquity, and that it is unconstitooshnel anyway, and subversive uv the dearest rites uv the Amerikin people.

Resolved, That ez the decision wuzn't wat we expected, we don't consider ourselves bound by it; and we demand uv our repreesntatives in Congress that they ignore it altogether, and perceed to wunst to declare Tilden and reform electid, and inogerate him at all hazards.

Resolved, That the Corners pledges itself to send to the tentid feeld, in the support uv Congris, every-able-bodied Dimekrat who will go, per-

vided the Dimekratic nashnel committy will send free passes to Washington, and sich clothin ez will enable em to make a proper and decent appearance in society. Pantaloons and shoes shood come first. And by this resolooshen the Corners pledges itself unreservedly to gore.

Resolved, That hevin exhausted all efforts for a peeceable eleckshun uv Tilden and reform, we hist our flag, with the words onto it, "Tilden and Reform or Blood."

Resolved, That it is the sollum convickshen uv the Corners that any government not in the hands uv the Dimocrisy is unconstitooshnel, and we refoose to pay any taxes to support any sich.

These resolooshens wuz goin to be past to wunst, ez all resolooshens wich I offer are, but I red em over twict. "Friends," I sed, "this is the sollumist time we ever had. These resolooshens mean blood—possibly they may take yoo away from yoor homes, and se yoo all in the front uv the battle. Are yoo prepared for this? Pause afore yoo vote."

"Soljers in this holy war git shoes and trousis, and three square meels a day, don't they?" was the response from all parts uv the house.

"Undoubtedly," wuz my answer.

"Then our voices is for war in the coz uv the constitooshen," wuz the yoonanimus response. "Enroll us to-wunst, and send on the supplies."

Ther ain't a more patriotic people in the country than the Corners. When the Corners rises tyrants may well tremble. The resolooshens wuz past, and the Corners hez spoken. We await the ackshen uv our representatives.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

THE ELECTION OF HAYES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 3, 1877.

Hayes is electid, ther ain't no doubt uv that. We hev heerd uv it, and are shoor uv it. Bascom hez given me notice that there ain't no more likker for me, onless I pay for it, wich is holler mockery, and he hez commenst to foreclose on half the farms in the vicinity. Pollock, Bigler and the niggers are joobilant, and Bascom hez commenst makin advances to em. Precisely in proporshen ez he cools to me, he warms to them. Men worship the risin, never the settin sun. It is well—I yoost to do the same thing myself. I shen't hev any more drinks at his bar, but he can't rob me uv the drinks I hev hed, and that is some comfort.

We held a meetin uv hoomiliashen and angish at the meetin house last nite. I am now a man given to cussin, for I never knowd that cussin even a mule ever made it go, onless the cussin wuz reinforced with a club. Swearin and club, in ekal proporshens, hez hed effect on a mule, but I hev alluz hed more faith in the club than in the cussin. The cussin may possibly inspire the club, and thus be indirectly benefishl. Nevertheless I did recite this:

A PSALM OF WOE.

In the dust uv hoomiliashen are we.

Ashes we throw upon our heds by the scuttle-full.

Hair-cloth we wear next to our skins, figgeratively.

Hair-cloth we wood wear next to our skins, actooally, ef we cood git any one to trust us for a supply.

Wood that goin about neerly naked wuz a proper mode uv expressin greef, for then we cood go into the deepest kind uv mournin without changin our costoom.

There be three things wich are too wonderful for me, yea, four wich I'm blest ef I know:

Wat the Dimocrisy wantid uv a high jint commishn at all.

Why it didn't hev a Dimecratic high jint, ef it hed to hev one.

Why it didn't bust the concern afore it wuz everlastinly too late when it found it wuzn't Dimekratic high jint.

Why we wuz cust with men in the leedership wich hedn't cunnin enuff to win by strategy, or courage enuff to take by force.

The Conies are but a feeble folk.

We are Conies ef ther ever wuz sich.

Cussid be Morton, cussid be Blane, cussid be Sherman, cussid be Edmunds, cussid be Davis, and espeshly cussid be Bradley.

For he wuz the eighth man, and coodent rise above partizanship fur enuff to vote with Field and Clifford.

We electid Davis, wich give them a majority in the high jint, and it's a toss-up wether he don't support Hayes, after all.

We hed the game in our own hands, fur we hed stolen four aces.

But they rung in a cold deck onto us, and held a strate flush when it come to a show-down, and they raked in the pot.

Uv wat avale wuz the buyin up uv the St. Loois convenshun; wat good wuz the bull-dozin in Looseaner?

Uv wat yoose wuz the rifle-clubs uv South Kerliny, and wat good did it do to colonize Injeany?

The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.

We prepared our meat last summer, but it spiled in the curin.

Our smoke-house is bustid, and our hams is not.

Four years of Hayes, four years of waitin and longin.

There will be niggers in the postoffises, and the faithful will stand outside and gnash their teeth.

For three things Democrisy is disquieted, and four wich nearly killed it:

Tilden, Hewitt, Pelton and Field.

When I think uv the idiocy of these men, wich we trustid, and into whose hands we gave ourselves, I lift up my voice, and howl with King Lemyooel's mother, "Give not your strength to old wimmen."

Young ones take away strength, but it returneth—old ones destroy by their counsel, and it is irretreevable.

Ef they'd hed ez much sense ez they hed money, we'd never bin made Nebuckhednezzers uv, and bin turned out to grass in this way.

That anshent Asyrian might hev liked it, for ther wuz no Bascom's in Babylon for him to refresh hisself in, but we don't.

Wat's the yoose uv holdin the keerds ef yoo don't dare to bet em?

There are three things wich are never satisfied, yea, four things say not "it is enuff": the grave, a Dimocrat wich wants a offis, my stummick wich is not and never wuz filled with water, and the till behind Bascom's counter.

Tilden and reform is defeetid, the Dimocrat wich wants offis will want it still, my stummick will take water, perforce, Bascom's till will be emp-

ty, and the grave will be filled with starved Dimocrisy, while the radikels shel wax fat.

The froots that our souls lustid after hev departed from us. The things after wich our mouths watered is gone from us, and we shel find em no more at all.

Tilden and reform is ded and berried, and in the same grave is berried all our hopes.

We stand over the carcass uv reform, and weep; me, and Morrissey, and Cronin and Wood; and our teers drain our systems.

The Dimocratic camp is damp with teers, and we hev not the wherewithal to replace the moischer that goes from us.

Tilden despares uv purity in government, and will go back to railroad wreckin.

Morrissey sez the government may keep on bein corrupt, for all he keers, and he is goin back to his faro banks.

Field says ther ain't no hope uv purifyin the government, and he will go back to defendin theeves.

And the vast multitood uv Dimocrats which hungered for postoffises, collectorships, furrin mishns, consulships, and places uv all sizes, kinds and dimenshens, remark, yoonanimusly, that there ain't no yoose in tryin to hev a pure government, and that it may go to rooin for all they keer, and this one goes back to his bar, that one to his three-keerd monte, the other to his burglary, and the rest to ther borrerin.

I wood hev saved the country, but ez the country didn't want to be saved, it may be tothered.

To Noo York will I go, and I will set up my tabernacle there.

Ez long ez ther is whisky ther will be Dimocrisy, and ther I shel flourish among the faithful.

I will rent me a bar-room, and will wear a plug hat, and be a statesman, and hev politikle inflooence in the Sixth ward.

I will be a captin uv fifty, and git to be a alderman.

I will go to the legislacher, and will do for the state wat the nashen refoosed.

The stun wich the federal bilders rejected, will become the hed uv the state corner.

Honey shel yit come out uv the carcass, for I will go where the carcass is.

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Bascom remarkt that the prospeck uv my leevin the Corners mitigated, somewat, his greef at the defeet uv Tilden. "There is no evil," he sed, "that hezn't some good in it."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex Reformer.

MR. NASBY REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 12, 1877.

The deed is dun, the work of destroyin the government is finished, and the Democrisy, the degenerit Democrisy, sits down and accepts it without a murmur. Ther ain't a goin to be any struggle for our rites, ther ain't a goin to be any war, nor nothin. When Tilden wuz talkin uv resistance, I consoled myself with the idee that ef I coodent git a postoffis I mite hev a sutlership, but that is all gone. All that Tilden and five millions uv dol-

lars undertook to do in the interest uv pure government, is undone; Hayes is President, reform lies low in the dust, the postoffises go out uv the reach uv Morrissey and me, and are safe in the grip uv the corruptionists. I can't do justis to this subjic!—I shan't attempt to. To git so near to it, and then to lose it! But wat's the yoose?

I am not only disappointed at the result, but I am disgustid with em ez hed the management uv affares for us. The developments that hev bin made sence the investigashens hev commenst, don't please me at all. Tilden-and-Reform is a cold-bloodid, mercenary wretch, wich hez rooined the Dimocratic party. He don't play fair—he is not an ingenuous man, one in wich yoo kin place confidence. It hez bin shown that he spent, all told, five million uv dollars in tryin to elect hisself and Reform to the Presidency. Damnable exposure! Feerful corrupshen! Wher hez that corrupshen fund gone to? Who got it? Wat wuz done with wat wuz spent at the beginnin, at the St. Locis convenshun? Ez a reform Dimocrat I demand to know. He pade me for my vote in that convenshun, the beggarly sum uv four hundred dollars, and his agents ashoored me that that wuz the highest price pade. Beleevin em, in my simplicity I took that sum, trustin in their statement that that wuz the regular price for delegates. Imagine my feelins when I diskivered that he did actooally pay ez high ez five thousand dollars for single reform delegates, and four thousand dollars, each, for reform delegates in lots uv twenty, takin em ez they run.

Hevin sekoored the nominashen, wat did this man do? He went on to spend five millions! Five millions! Who got that? I got four hundred more, but I wuz so hedged in with instruckshens and the direckshuns ez to wat I wuz to do wuz so explicit that I didn't make a hundred clear out uv it. It wuz stipulated that I wuz to take twenty Kentuckians to vote in Injeany for Tilden-and-Reform, and he hed the meannis to hev a reform pugilist, wich he pardoned out uv the Noo York penitentiary for the purpose, on the spot to watch me, to see that I took em there; and the accootnis to hev a Injeany reformer receeve and vote em, and afore I cood git my money in full I hed to hev a receet from the Injeany committeeman that I hed turned over the voter! How kin a man labor in the interest uv reform under sich circumstances?

The fact is Tilden-and-Reform is a frod, and those wich is yellin to nominate him in 1880 make a mistake. I'll no more uv him. I want a man wich kin pay out more joodishus and with more discriminashun. I will never go thro a campane on the reform idee, onless I am better pade for it than I wuz in this.

I am disgustid with polytix anyhow, and want to retire. The Dimocrisy don't know nothing anyhow. I suppose ther is about an ekal per cent uv honest men and ekal per cent uv thieves in both parties, and I am willin to admit that wat a cold and unfeelin world calls villains holds the management uv both parties; I know they do ours. The Republikins deny this; but ef it is troo, there is this difference—the scoundrelly Republikin managers put honest men in power, while the honest Dimocrisy put ther scoundrels to the front. The people don't keer about corrupt Republikin managers when they put sich men ez Hayes up; but think uv sich men ez Bill Hill, Thurman and Hendrix playin second fiddle to Tilden, Morrissey, Hewitt and me! That is wat kills us. We come at the people wrong end foremost. We show our sore fingers, and make public exhibition uv our biles, and rather glory in the size and nastinis uv em.

Wat we hev to do now is to change all this. We want to assoom a virchoo, ef we hev it not. We want to hunt about keerfully—give a great deal uv time to it—explore all the corners uv the party—go nosin about among forgotten men, and see ef we can't find men enuff with decent reputashens to put forrered ez candidates. We want em ez a sort uv flavorin, ez deodorizers as it were, to savor the rest uv us. Wat we want is to git in, and the people actilly demand suthin that don't really smell. We, the reglers, won't lose anything by it—these nice Dimocrats will come to us in a month. Ther ain't virchew enuff in em to resist us. You can't tetch pitch without bein defiled.

Then we want a succession uv disasters doorin the next four yeers, and we must do all we kin to hev em. Hard times is alluz charged up to the party in power, and makes men pine for a change. A healthy potato rot wood be worth thousands uv votes to us, and a smashin panic wood be even better. Wat we want is a period uv yooniversle depreshn. We want the mills stopped, prodoose down to a mere nothin, potato rot, grasshoppers, kolera, and likker to go up to fifteen cents a drink. Ef these cood be supplementid by an earthquake, hurricanes, yaller fever, weevle in the wheat, cut worms in the No. and cotton worms in the South, floods and drouths and yooniversle rooin and disaster, we cood elect the next President. Give us all these with a choice assortment uv other disasters, and we shel win, for the people will be very apt to say that after all a Dimekratic administrashen coodent be wuss. We want rooin for a while to make the Dimocrisy endoorable.

With these condishens we kin go in four yeers from now. I say all this for the benefit uv others—ez for me, long before the term uv Hayes is up I shel be in a prematoor grave. Four yeers more uv a nigger in the postoffis at the Corners will finish me, and ef my philosophy shood be suffishent for that, Bascom will cut off supplies ez soon ez he knows that I ain't a goin to hev a place, and then all is over. My untutored bowels never kin endoor water, any more than my morel nacher kin radikelism.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

THE CORNERS INDORSES THE PRESIDENT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 25, 1877.

Important business called me to a neighborin village, and I wuz absent from the Corners two days. The biznis wuz, I may say, not altogether unconnectid with a supply uv shirts. Doorin the campane for Tilden-and-Reform, wich hez endid so unhappily, my linen wuz wore out, and I went out to a seckshun where they hev such things, to borrow three or four, wich I did—off uv lines, without hevin any preliminary conversashun with them uv whom I borrered em. I shood hev preferred to hev em dun up, but shirts a dryin ain't bad. I ain't proud— the troo Dimecrat skorns starch. Wood that we cood go back to a state uv nacher, in wich shirts is onnessary. Ef we didn't hev to hev shirts and sich, there wood be more for likker.

When the cat's away the mice will play. Smite the sheperd and the sheep will be skattered. Scasely had I turned my back onto the Corners afore Pollock and Joe Bigler got at the people, and they capcherd Bascom. Capcherin Bascom, they hed the rest uv em.

They red to the Corners the innoggeral of Yooserper Hayes, and ex-

plained to em wat the polisy uv that arch conspirator wuz a goin to be They red over a list uv his Cabinet, dwellin espeshly on his appintment uv that runnygade, Key, and tole em that he wuz a goin to run the government in the intrest uv the whole country, and not uv any seckshun, and that the time hed come for the lion and lam to lie down together, and that the little child wuz in trainin to leed em.

And blest ef they didn't git em imprest, and they showd Bascom that it wood be better for the Corners ef the old feelin wuz done away with entirely, that the two parties shood dwell in yoonity, and instid uv wastin their strength a contendin with each other shood expend it a makin suthin uv the place.

I arrived at about seven o'clock in the evening and went, ez wuz nateral, straight to Bascom's. I felt well. My expedishen hed provd a success, for I got not only more shirts than any reform leeder in Kentucky ought to hev, but I hed also prokoored some sox and a pare uv boots wich wuz standin convenient outside a door.

"Wher is G. W.?" I asked uv Mrs. Bascom, who wuz in the bar.

"Ther is a meetin at the church, and Bascom is there."

"A meetin at the church? Who dares to call a meetin in my absence?

And feerin evil I hastened over to the meetin-house.

It wuz a harrowin site my eyes restid onto. There on the platform sot Pollock, the nigger postmaster, McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, sevrel more niggers, Bascom, another nigger, and—the Deekin. Joe Bigler wuz a standin up and reedin from a paper.

"Wat is this?" I shreeked. "Bascom, McPelter, Issaker, and et tu Broot—the Deekin with them radikels! Wat does this meen?"

"The gentleman will take his seet, and keep quiet, while I reed these resolooshens," returned Joe, and he red em:

Wareas, The country hez bin kep in hot water for about fifteen years, and

Wareas, Hot water ain't the most comfortable thing in the world for the fish that is in it, ef they hev bin accustomed to cold, and

Wareas, Ez President Hayes appears to be tryin the best he knows how to settle things on a proper basis, and in sich a way ez to do jestis to every one, and injestis to none, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners, recognizin the good intenshuns uv the President and his advisers, pledges itself to stand by him, without regard to former party affiliashens, and to do wat we kin to bring about the era of good feelin.

Resolved, That from this time out all the bitternis uv the past shel be buried in the Corners, that every man will recognize every other man ez a citizen, all hevin ekal rites, in life, liberty and the pursoot uv suthin to eat——

"And drink," sejested Bascom.

—And that all the divisions on political kuestions shel ceese ontil things hev settled, and suthin occurs to divide us a more nateral way.

Resolved, That——

I cood stand this no longer, and I sprung to my feet.

"Deekin! Bascom! McPelter! Issaker! My frends! are yoo agoin to set there and let them infamus incenjary resolooshens go forth ez the voice uv the Corners? Are yoo agoin to be led by yoor enemies into sich a trap?"

"Why not?" askt Bascom. "Ain't we hed hell enuff here? Hez anybody made anything by all the worry and trouble of the last ten yeers?"

"Bascom, ef them resolooshens pass, and ef they are carried out in the

spirit wich seems to pervade this unconstitooshnel assemblage, wat, let me ask, is agoin to becum uv me? Ef ther is goin to be peece and harmony, uv wat yoose am I? Ef ther ain't agoin to be no more niggers to kill, ef everybody hez their rites, ef there ain't no yooserper to struggle agin, in Bascom's bar-room, ef ther ain't no occashen for eloquence and defiance, wat am I to do? Wat do yoo want to throw me out uv biznis for? Ef yoo acknowledge the yoosurper Hayes, wat need hev yoo uv a defender? Why yoo leeve me, strandid and helplis, and I mite jist ez well leeve the Corners to wunst! Deekin, Bascom, Issaker, kin yoo do this?"

"I don't see"—commenst Bascom, but I woodent let him go on.

"But I see. Ef this ery uv good feelin sets in, I may exclame with the rigger in the play, 'Othello's okkepashen's gone.' My frends, before yoo commit yoorself to this heresy, let us consult."

I finally got these misguided men out uv the house, and into Bascom's, and ther I appeeled to em more at an advantage. I held up afore em the horrors uv nigger rool, I showd em that ef they past them resolooshens they wuz Republikins, and that the old Dimocratic party wuz gone forever, and that the dooty uv every Dimekrat wuz to fite on, fite ever, till we hed restored peece to our bleedin country.

"But peece is wat Hayes wants, ain't it?" sed the Deekin.

"Spose he does. Admit it. That ain't the pint. Deekin, ther never kin be peece, I never kin be satisfied or soothed, nor kin any one uv the noble army uv reformers wich follered the banner uv Tilden-and-Reform, so long ez Ablishnists hold postoffises, and the radikels collectorships. Yoo may cry 'peece, peece, but there ain't no peece.' We want peece, but we want to make it, and we want to make it in our way, or we don't want it at all."

Ther ain't nothin like decision and promptnis. Before I hed got thro with em, I got em back to ther old moorins, and they didn't go back to the meetin at all, and Issaker wuz so enraged at bein almost capcherd, that he shyed a brick at one uv the niggers wich wuz a goin home from the church, wich almost perdoosed a good old-time riot.

The Corners is now normel. The Dimocrisy and the radikels hate each other ez hartily ez ever. Fites is ez common ez ever, and I am back in my old place at Bascom's.

Thus did I avert calamity from the Corners, and thwart the evil endeavors uv a yoosurpin President. May Dimocratic leeders everywhere act with ekal firmness and promptnis. Wat is peece to the continyood existence uv the Dimocratic party?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

WHY THE CORNERS IS NOT PROSPEROUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 6, 1877.

Ther is no disputin the fact, the Corners is not prosperous. Ther ain't no buildin goin on, ther ain't no trade uv any account, and ther is a yooniversal dullness wich is discouragin to the well-wisher uv his kind. Not that it makes eny espeshl difference to me, for all that I require is my likker regler, and plenty uv the same without labor; but a enterprisin man wich bleeves that progress is a good thing wood be dishartened at the condishn uv things at the Corners. Ez for me, I kin sing:

"Whene'er I walk to take the air,
How many poor I see;
But I kin say that I don't care
Ef they all starve but me."

I hevn't got ez many or ez extensive bowels uv compashn ez I yoost to hev. My sympathies is constipatid.

It isn't at all difficult to determine the reason for the depreshn that eggsists here. When Tilden-and-Reform wuz counted out, 8 to 7, and the yooserper Hayes wuz inoggeratid, we expectid that the leest that he wood do wood be to recall the troops from the South, and make us free men again.

Hez he done it? He is, we understand, intendin to do it in South Kerliny, but how is it elsewhere? No troo Southerner kin be enterprisin and progressive so long ez he is ground down under the iron heel uv military power. Our citizens feel their condishun so keenly, they are so deprest by the continyooance uv military rool that they hevn't done a stroke uv any kind uv work for yeers. Ther feelds are all left uncultivatid except ez they kin indoose new niggers wich come here to work in em, but ef they hevn't anything to pay em with they never work a second time, wich makes em anything but a shoor dependence.

It is one uv the most techin sites in nacher to see the people layin on ther backs at Bascom's and leanin on his bar, deplorin the okkepancy uv the South by military, and their consekent inability to hoe ther corn or cut ther grass.

Only last week I heerd Issaker Gavitt remark:

"Wat's the yoose uv puttin in a crop this spring, ef the South is to be over-run by bloo-koted hirelins, perpetyooally?"

And then when Bascom refoozed to give him credit for another drink, Issaker turned sadly to me, and sed, with a voice choked with emotion:

"Yoo seehow it is! Oh the cussid tyranny uv an unconstooshnel administrashen! Oh, the grindin effeck uv military okkepashen! Wat kin men do under sich circumstances?"

It is troo that ther ain't no soljers at the Corners, and never hev bin sence the village wuz okkepied by the Federals in 1862, but that don't make any difference. Also we hev votid here jist ez we pleased, and we hev kept the niggers and carpet-baggers from votin, but that don't make any difference nuther. There is troops in Loozeaner and South Kerliny, and Packard and Chamberlin is de facto guverners uv them states. How kin a troo Kentuckian put in a crop or hoe his corn so long ez sich a state uv things eggsists? How kin ther be any enterprise or any development uv resources, or any progress, when we hev to spend all our time clankin the chanes uv our brothers further South? All that kin be expectid uv us is to hang our harps on the willers at Bascom's and drown our greef at his bar.

And sence it is settled that we ain't goin to hev the fedrel offises, Bascom hez refoosed us further credit, and the poor comfort uv his likker (or to speak more akkeritly, uv his poor likker) is denied us. When drouth is added to slavery, the situashen is terrible indeed.

Wat the yooserper wants to do is to withdraw the troops from the South. Take the grasp uv nine hundred soljers from the throtes uv the millions uv Southerners, and let us breathe. And this done, give the offises, in a sperit uv conciliashen, to the constitooshnel patriots wich wuz pardoned by A. Johnson, and all will be well agin. I kin never be reconsiled so long ez ther is a nigger in the post-offis at the Corners—never.

I keer very little, though. My biznis through life hez bin, mostly strugglin with vicissitoods, and my struggles is rapidly drawin to a close Persnelly I hev little intrest in it, tho I wood like to hev my pathway t the tomb smoothed by reasonable credit, and, consekently, regler supplies But when I look around me and see how iron-heeled oppreshn kills out en terprise in the Corners, I cannot but help enterin my sollum protest.

May the yooserper heed the warnin, and let up on the South afore de lirium tremens so withers the populashen ez to leeve no Dimecrats to b releeved.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MORE TROUBLE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 17, 1877.

We hed an eleckshun for a justis uv the peece at the Corners, las week, to fill vacancy. Eliphalet Boyer, who hez filled the posishen to th entire satisfacshen uv the people, that is the white people, for the las forty years, finelly succumbed to Bascom's likker and the unconstitoosh nel eleckshun uv Hayes, and went to his long home. Peece to his ashes He was a gileless man, and a good one. It was his constant boast tha in his 40 yeers uv servis he alluz give a verdick for the plaintiff. "Ef th plaintiff wuzn't in the right wat in thunder did he soo for?" wuz his re mark. When the unconstooshnel Fifteenth Amendment wuz passed Squire Boyer devotid his entire energies to decidin agin them niggers. H varied his practis so much that it didn't make any diffrens whether th nigger wuz plaintiff or defendant, the verdick wuz invariably agin him His rool wuz that whenever two white men dispoots, one of em must b rite, but that it wuz impossible that a nigger shood be rite under any cir cumstances. When ther was a white man agin a nigger the verdict wu agin the nigger, without heerin evidence; and so healthy and vigrus prejoodis hed he agin niggers that I hev knowd him, when one nigge scod another, to give a verdick agin both uv em, wich wuz a triumph u joorisprudence. And they felt theirselves lucky ef he didn't commit en for contempt uv court. Good old man! We shel never see his like agin

'Squire Boyer hevin gone hentz, we hed to elect a justis to fill his place and in the Convenshun Deekin Pogram and Abslum Pettus wuz the can didates. Pettus developed a good deal uv strength, but the Deekin hevi invitid the convenshun out to take suthin, it turned the scale and he wu nominated. Pettus swore he wood never stand that kind uv tactics, an he declared hisself an independent candidate, at wich we laft, for the Dim ocrisy uv the Corners are firm bleevers in the sanctity uv regler nomina shens.

The radikels, mostly niggers, heddid by Pollock and Bigler, met an resolved to make no nominashen, and so the contest wuz between the goo old Deekin and this wretched, disorganizin Pettus, and a very lively can vass it wuz.

The niggers called a meetin, wich perceedin filled us with astonish ment. Sich a thing hed never happened here before, and we all wondere wat it meant.

"Uv course this can't be permitted!" sed the Deekin.

"Not any," sez I. "It's agin nacher, and must be pervented."

And so on the nite uv the meetin, Issaker Gavitt, Capt. McPelter an

the rest uv the faithful went to the hall over Pollock's store, where the niggers wuz in session, and pullin out revolvers, advised em to git. The niggers didn't git, for up sprung Pettus and about a dozen uv his frends, and made some few remarks.

"Theze gentlemen," sed Pettus, "is citizens uv the Yoonited States, and ez sich hev a rite to meet and consult ez to the condishn uv our common country. They are agoin to do it, or yoo hev me to fite, ez well ez them. This thing is played out."

I wuz struck dum with astonishment.

"Why, this is revolooshen! This is anarky! This is a turnin over uv things! This is a upturnin and an upheevle! The idee uv a white man and a Dimekrat a sidin with niggers and radikels! Pettus, wat do yoo mean? Set down, sir! The Dimocratic party holds yoo to your allegianse."

"D—n the Dimekratic party!" wuz the reply uv this infiddle. "I want to be justis, and I'm a goin to be! I perpose to beet that old sucker!"

The niggers held ther meetin, and resolved to cast ther ballots for Abslum Pettus, esq.

"Will they be allowed to vote?" askt the Deekin, his voice quiverin with emoshun.

"Never!" sed I. "Ef they vote then chaos comes agin."

The eleckshun wuz held last Monday. Early in the mornin Pettus, and a dozen or two renegade Dimocrats, with Pollock and that infamus Joe Bigler, all uv em with revolvers, wuz on hand when the poles wuz opened with more than a hundred niggers. Instid uv hevin Pogram, Bascom and McPelter for the board, wich hez bin the custom for yeers, they insistid upon being represented theirselves, and ez they wuz largely in the majority they put a nigger on the board.

The Dimocrisy rallied, but it wuz evident they wuz demoralized. Pettus talked all day about the rites uv all citizens to vote, and ez the niggers hed bin made citizens he swore they shood vote, or he'd know the reason why, espeshelly ez they wuz all a votin for him. And Pollock and Bigler backed him up, and the niggers took heart, hevin support from so many white men, and they come in in droves, and votid ez naterally ez tho they hed bin alluz yoosed to it.

And ez we hed no chance to do the countin by ourselves, owin to the nigger's bein on the board, with Pettus and Bigler standin right behind him, the ornary cuss wuz declared electid, and Deekin Pogram defeetid, by a large majority.

This is the end uv all things. Pettus hez declared for the administrashen uv the yooserper Hayes, and hez changed his hedquarters to Pollock's store, and there he and his minyuns meet every nite and exult over his triumph.

But it doesn't end here. Issaker Gavitt kicked a nigger yesterday and the nigger hauld him up afore Squire Pettus, and that onfeelin man fined Issaker, and when Issaker refoosed to pay the fine on the ground that a court elected by niggers coodent possibly be constooshnel, nohow, he chucked him into the calaboose, where he now languishes a marter to prinsiple and a want uv four dollars and a half!

Wher will it end? The Lord only knows. The color line is bustid in the Corners, and the niggers, by the treachery uv one man, hev the power. Next fall they will elect the county offisers, ef some Dimekrat wich hez never distinguished hisself a shootin uv em sees fit to hed em, and some

sich will be found. I kin see wat is goin to happen. Deekin Pogram is now greevin that he didn't show the black cusses sum considerashen, and entice them away from Pettus. He is lamentin that he didn't treet em cordelly, and affilyate with em, and yoose em ez becums voters. "Hed I done this," said the good old man, "I mite hev bin electid." Good heavens! to think uv the hawty Caucashun bendin the supple knee to a nigger for his vote! To this complexion must it come at last! I see it all. The love uv offis outways the hatred uv color. Sich is poor human nacher. Ther ain't nothin but rooin ahed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY GIVES EXTRACTS FROM HIS DIARY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 26, 1877.

Ef the yooserper Hayes don't find hisself into a muss with his party in less than a month I am mistaken. I hev bin in Noo York, and I hev observed the indicashens. There is a storm a brewin wich will break onto his devotid hed, and sweep him from the face uv the political earth. It is inevitable. Them ez wuz instrumental in electin him are a desertin uv him. Ther ain't wun uv em that bleeves in his Southern policy.

The follerin from my diary, while in Noo York, will perhaps show the sitooashen ez clearly ez anything:

Monday—Met gentleman in bar-room. Red nose, and evidently in bilyus circumstances, and, ez it were, constipatid finanshelly; asked him how he wuz pleased with the administrashen; replide that he hed alluz bin a Republikin, and hed cherished the hope for menny years that he shood die in the lovin embrace uv that gellorious party. But he wuz afeerd that it hed run its course. Coodent approve uv the President's Southern polisy, and felt that for the pertection uv the nigger he shood be driven into the arms uv the Dimocrisy. No party cood live wich didn't take care uv its workers. He cood put his hand on his heart and say that the fact that he hed bin suddenly dropped out uv a place in the custom house hed nothin to do with his present position, but when he looked to the strugglin Republikins uv the South, and saw how they hed bin treated by the President, he felt that he cood do nuthin less than go over to the Dimocrisy. Teerfully acceptid an invitashun to take suthin, and with great futility attempted to borrow a dollar uv me, wich is on the same lay, and pensively departed. Met him sevral times that day, with perpetyooal repeets uv the same talk, and, with respect to borrowin, repeets uv the same experience.

Toosday—Gentleman with a protooberant abdomen. Resides near Rochester, but hez bin in the habit uv comin to Noo York, wunst a month, to draw his salary from the custom house. Is uv the opinyun that Hayeses Southern polisy is a faleyoor. Don't keer a straw about his bein turned out uv his place, but weeps when he thinks uv the Republikins uv the South bein abandoned by the President. Commenst sheddin pearly teers over the abandonment the mornin he wuz discharged. Wood hev distilled the briny sooner, but never hed time to think uv it. Shel either organize a new party on the basis uv protectin the niggers in the South, or jine the Dimocrisy—ain't shoor wich. Is convinst that suthin ought to be done, there bein a crisis, and Freedom lyin a gaspin. Felt when he receeved his dismissal that the war hed bin fought in vane, and that he hed lost

all the froots uv victry. Is wondrin if Tweed will reely rise and take possession uv the government uv the city when he is discharged.

Wensday—Thin party vehemently denounsin Hayeses policy. Denouncin the abandonment uv Republikins uv the South, with teers in his eyes. Considers the country hangin on the verge uv rooin. Came down here with a letter from his member of Congris askin that he be appintid to a eighteen hundred dollar place in the custom house. Collector Arthur onfeelinly remarkt that there wuzn't any vacancies, nor any prospeck uv ther bein one, and that he hed better go home and go to work. Wantid to know if this wuz the way to bring about reform? Bleeved in civil service reform, but also bleeved that we ought to come to it gradooally. Don't care so much about not gittin his place, altho he ought to hev it, but he felt like weepin when he thought uv the abandonment uv the Republikins uv the South by the President. Isn't shoor but that, in order to sekoor the full froots uv the war for the Yoonun, he will yit be obliged to cast in his lot with the Dimocrisy. Shel wait and see. Hopes for the best, but spends the heft uv his time a tremblin for his country. Wantid to borrer a dollar.

And so on. While I bleeve that the President hes disrupted his party, I shood hev liked the prospick better ef I cood hev seen more uv wat mite be called the biznes classes jinin the denunciashen uv his policy, and ef it hedn't bin so excloosively confined to gentlemen with illuminated countenances. I hev no objeckshun to red noses, for mine is not uv the pearly tint wich lovers uv buty prefer, bein ruther a beekin lite; but I know that it ain't a favorite color among the people, onless one kin get a medikle certificate that he aquired it by disease, or some pekoolyer diet. Likewise it wood be better ef the disapprovers, ez a rool, didn't hev onsuccessful letters askin for places about their persons, or little dokiments dismissin uv em, carefully conseeled in ther clothes. These things are calkilatid to rase doubts, in the minds uv narrer men, uv the disinterestednis uv ther denunsiashuns. But I hev this comfort—they kin all yawp, and all the people don't know the impellin motive uv the yawp.

The lion in affluent circumstances, a gorgin hisself with the carcass uv his prey, is a quiet beast, but rend the prey from him and he growls. Just so with the man in offis. Ef the powers that be let him alone, he is quiet, but take that from him, and his growls is awful. The yooserper Hayes is accumulatin a stock uv growls, wich will increase ez he goes on.

I shoodent like to be in his place. While the innocent man wuz in ded ernest when he pledged hisself to civil servis reform, them ez held places, ez well ez them expectin em, thought he wuz like Tilden, jist in fun about it. And now that it is a stern reality, there is trouble, and there will be more. I hev hopes. Out uv the carcass cometh honey.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY ON THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 23, 1877.

The Yooserper Hayes is nothin but a disappointment to the Corners. He duzn't give me half a chance, and seems to take delite in disappintin my expectashens. When he removed the nine hundred soljers from the South, and thus emancipatid from the grindin effex uv military despotism

three milliyuns uv people, it seemed to be so direckly aimed at my interests that I took it ez a persnel matter. Them soljers hed bin board, lodgin and likker to me for a great menny yeers. Whenever we, uv the Corners wuz reproached for not doin nothin, I cood alluz inflame the people in Bascom's and wither the reproacher by askin wat cood be expectid when the Corners wuz a groanin under miitary rool? "Does Poland go forrerd in the path uv progress?" I askt. "Pint me in histry to any subjoogatid nashen that ever did any thing when the iron hans uv military power wuz onto ther throats. Even the Jews when in captivity hung their harps onto the willers, and refoozed to sing in strange lands. Give us our freedom agin, and we may wunst more hist a cheerful stave, and warble gaily. But ez it is—Bascom, jist one more, ef there's room on the slate."

But now that the 900 soljers is removed, and ez we hain't got no excoose for not quittin Bascom's and goin out and doin suthin, Pollock and Bigler jeer at us.

The meetin uv Congris wich wuz to hev taken place in Joon wood hev given us suthin to go on. I hed speeches keerfully prepared to shoot off at the administrashen, wich I wuz to hev furnisht our member uv Congris, wich wuz scathin denunciashens uv Hayes, and ez they wood hev come in afore the froots uv the yooserper's polisy hed showd itself, and ez we cood predict all sorts uv trubble, it wood hev kep alive the wanin hopes uv men like me. But now he hez gone and postponed the meetin till October, by wich time them recreant Sutherners ez wants everything ez quiet ez a mill-pond, will hev got things ther own way, and we be left helplis. It's too provokin.

But ef he thinks we are a goin to be satisfied with the concessions he hez made, he is mistaken. The Suthern hart wunst fired keeps smoldering a long time, and ain't so easily squenched. The Corners hez demands to make, and the Corners hez got to hev wat it wants afore it will be satisfied, or consider the work uv reconstruckshen properly done. The Corners wants prosperity, and the Corners demands that the governmen makes the Corners prosperous. We hevn't got the money to do it, but we want it, and ef the government wants that acquiescence that it seems to consider desirable, the government will see that it is done.

The Corners demands uv the general government ez follows:

1. The slack-watrin uv Slawter Crik, to make it navigable for boats uv the largest class, at all seasons uv the yeer. (We may demand that the government put the boats on, but will let that go for the present.)

2. The guaranteein uv the bonds uv the Confedrit X Roads and Secessionville railroad, and the compleshun uv that road, that we may avoid haulin, by teems, the likker and other necessaries uv life wich we hev to buy in Looisville.

3. The immejit bildin uv an arsenel at the Corners, and the offiserin uv the same from the citizens thereof, that some kind uv manufacturin may be done here.

4. The immejit bildin uv a levee on Slawter Creek that the lands uv Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt, and sich lands ez I may hereafter purchis may not be overflowed.

5. The compleshun uv the plank road from the Corners up Red Run, by the way uv Pokerville, to avoid the nigger settlement at Freedom, wich are customers uv Pollock's, wich is a carpet-bagger, and ain't a Republikin and ain't therefore entitled to no consideration whatever from a consilatory administrashen.

6. The buildin uv a permanent postoffis and government bildins at the Corners.

7. The dredgin out uv the mouth uv Sandy Run, to make a landin there, that we kin hev a proper markit for our prodoose when we git nigger laber cheap enuff to begin to raise some.

Ther are some other things wich we shel want, that we may be properly consiliated; the compleshun uv the Davis Hill road, for instance, and the appropriashen uv lands to finish the "Biblikle Institoot," wich never got further than the layin uv the corner stun, but them things will cum up afterward. Wat I hev enoomeratid will do for the present.

The South wants nussin, and won't be passified without it. How are we goin to enter upon a career uv prosperity onless the government furnishes the means? We are an high-spirited but an impoverisht people, and want to be cared for. The war took away our laber, and left us helplis. Go into Bascom's any day, or nite, and yoo will see there a hundred helplis men, whose fields are untilled, and all uv em groanin over the condishn uv things. Our railroads are not built, our slack-watrin ain't done, and everything is at a stand-still. The niggers wich wuz wunst ourn are labrin for theirselves, and spendin their earnins on theirselves. They are prosperous? Troo. But they ain't the ones to be prosperus. We, the sooperior class, are the ones wich must hev the fosterin keer uv a paternal and maternal government.

Let the government do this for us, and ther will be peece.

Deny us these modrit rekests, and there will continyoo to be that sullen feelin wich alluz exists in a proud tho conkered people. May the yooserper and his Senit be wise.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (wich is opprest.)

P. S.—My appintment to the postoffis at the Corners wood go a grate way toward consiliatin the Corners. It wood consiliate two, me and Bascom. It wood enable me to pay wat I owe him, and lay the foundashens for new credit, broad and strong. P. V. N.

MR. NASBY ASSISTS AT A RECEPTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 15, 1877.

The recepshun given our two noble reform standard-barers in Noo York wuz not jist wat we hed looked for. We uv the West hed agreed that Hendrix mite be receptid in Noo York, to git him into trainin for the Presidenshel candidacy in 1880, but Tilden got wind uv it and blocked our little game. We hed to recept him ez well ez Hendrix, and ez Samyooel, in the recent campane for reform hed spent five millyuns uv dollars a buyin up votes and sich, he insisted upon bein made cheef mourner.

This wuz espeshelly disagreeable to me, for I hev a bitternis wich I am nourishin. I coodent help rememberin that at the reform convenshun in St. Loois the reform managers only paid me $400 for my vote, when other delegates with not more than half my inflooence receeved twice and three times that sum. I wuz swindled, and uv course I coodent view the swindler with complacency.

The parade the first evening wuz a site that wuz cheerin to a nashnel reformer. It showed me that in Noo York, at least, the fires uv Dimocrisy wuz a blazin britely, and that tho we hed bin cheetid out uv our President, it wuz not to be stayed in its onward march toward reform. I saw the old familyer faces. There wuz Teddy O'Shaughnessy, who alone and single-handid, killed six adult and five infant niggers, in the demonstrashun uv Jooly 4th, 1863, seelin in their blood his devoshun to Dimocrisy. He holds four offises now in the city government. Ther wuz Patsy O'Brien who wuz pardoned out uv Sing-Sing jist in time to take part in the reform

movement last fall, and Micky O'Flyn and Timmy Ryan, and in short all the old stand-bys uv the reform party, ez full uv zeel ez ever.

A deliteful little re-yoonyun we hed after the speeches, in a convenient s'loon, a talkin over old times and makin plans for the fucher. They considered the prospex for the fucher uv the reform Dimocrisy cheerin. Patsy O'Brien sed that the emigrashen from Ireland wuz increesin every day, and that under the rool uv the reform managers uv Tammany ther wood be no trouble watever in votin an Irishman ez soon ez he landid.

It hed bin sejestid that they shood be allowed to vote in Ireland by simply announsin their intenshuns uv comin over, but he didn't approve uv it. Ez soon ez they hed votid there, they wood insist upon bein made skool direkters, or bein put upon the pay-roll uv the p'leece uv this city. He held that a man holdin offis ought at least be upon the ground. There wood be no trouble in keepin up our majority here. Whisky wuz cheep, and the process uv makin Dimocrats wuz goin on uninterruptedly.

The recepshun at the Manhattan club wuz a brillyant affair. In a swaller-taled cote and a white neck-tie, I am rather an imposin spektacle It is grand but uncomfortable, but I bore it like a hero.

Tilden, the reformer, is a great man. His speech wuz a modle. His denunciashen uv fraud, and the necessity uv preservin the purity uv the ballot-box wuz ez techin a piece uv oratory ez I ever heerd. It affectid the Tammany leeders wich stood around him to teers.

One little accident occurred wich mite hev marred the harmony uv his speech, hed anybody else bin a makin uv it. He wuz denouncin the wrong that hed bin done the people, by forcin a President electid by fraud upon em, and deplorin the yoose uv improper inflooences in eleckshuns, when a package uv papers fell out uv his breast coat pockit and wuz scattered on the floor. They wuz the telegrams offerin $5,000 for a Oregon elector, and all the receipts for money pade in the Cronin and Gobble biznis. Everybody hed the presence uv mind not to pay any attenshun to em, and he went on denouncin fraud ez cooly ez tho it wuz a pockit testament that he hed dropped.

A excellent life-inshoorence agent wuz spiled when Saml. J. Tilden went into pollytix.

Likewise I admired his witherin denunshiashen uv corrupshen generally, with all uv Tweed's old leftenants—his pardners—in the crowd. It wuz a spektacle seldom ekalled—never surpast.

Ef Samyooel J. Tilden cood combine any uv the characteristics uv the late G. Washington, with them wich he possesses, he wood be a shinin lite indeed.

He is the most pashunt uv men. A Dimocratic member uv Congris-elect sed he wantid to make a speech on the Presidenshel question, and wantid some informashen. He wantid to know wat wuz the meenin uv the frazes, "President de jury," and "President de fakto." Samyooel sot down and explained it to him. I didn't ketch it all, but from wat I did heer, I understand that a President de jury wuz a man wich hed spent $5,000,000 a buyin up votes and sich, and didn't git the place; and a President de facto wuz a man wich actilly got the posishen without spendin a cussid cent for it.

The next day we hed a splendid time uv it. I wuz put in charge uv a eminent reformer wich showd us the city. It wuz not only interestin but instructive.

We hed kerridges, and we wuz taken to the Sixth ward to see whe

Dimecratic majorities come from, and from thence we went to vew the unfinished court house on wich thirteen millyuns hev bin already spent, and wich will take almost as much more to finish it.

"That bildin cost us thirteen milyuns," sed our guide proudly. "The Brooklyn people bilt a bigger one and only got five hundred thousand out uv it, wich wuz a waste uv opportunities seldom ekalled in the history uv the reform Dimocrisy. That postoffis"—and ez he looked at it a portenshus frown wrinkled his brow, castin a shadder on his nose which changed the gorgeous red to a gastly bloo—"that postoffis we wuz swindled out uv. It wuz bilt by a corrupt Republikin administrashen, and only cost two milyuns and a half. Ef it hed bin in our hands, in the hands uv men wich know how to make sich things pay, it wood hev cost twenty milyuns by this time and woodent hev bin half dun yit. Ah! if Tweed hed only hed it! A grate man is Tweed—the reform Dimocrisy uv the city miss him very much."

And then we druv up town, and looked sadly at the gorgeous palaces wich Sweeney, Connolly, Harry Genet, Garvey, Ingersoll and them old Romans bilt at the expense uv the city, afore they become eggsiles onto a furrin shoar; we looked at the armories wich wuz bilt in the golden age uv the Dimocrisy, and unable to endoor moor we alighted and hung our harps on the willers, in a s'loon, and wept ez we drunk cheap whisky out uv thick glasses.

"This ain't the likwid I wood be absorbin hed the reformer Tilden bin electid," sighed the reformer wich wuz showin us around. "We hed it fixed that the custom-house wuz to be rebilt, and I wuz to hev hed the contrak. Nothin less than shampane wood hev irrigatid this wasted frame for the next ten yeers. Oh! the cussid fraud that kep us out! After all the money I spent—I hed charge uv the repeeters we sent to Connecticut and Noo Jersey—after all my sacrifices in the interests uv reform, to be thus swindled out uv my reward!"

And the poor man broke down with emoshun.

We paid our respects to the marter Tweed, to Tilden at his home, to Morrissey at his faro-bank, and other leedin Dimocrats, and then seperated. Each went to his home filled with fresh zeel for Dimocrisy, and with fresh determinashen to do our level best to bring about a Dimocratic triumph this fall, as a precursor to a crownin triumph in 1880. To see how the Dimocrisy uv Noo York live, inflames me with righteous zeel.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

MR. NASBY HOLDS HIS REGULAR CONVENTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 26, 1877.

The Dimocrisy uv the Corners met in convenshun yisterday, to nominate a county tikkit, and a deliteful season it wuz. Bascom arrayed his grosery with green branches, in honor uv the occashun, and ez the wheat growd in the region hed bin harvestid and sold, he hed ordered two barls uv noo likker from Looisville. The harvest wuz earlier this season than ever before. Pollock notified the citizens that ez there wuz a bountiful crop he wood give em no more credit for goods, but they laft him to skorn. "We kin go without shoes and stockins and sich, for it's liable to be a mild winter," they sed. But when Bascom sed "no more trust for likker!" they turned pale and went to ther wheat fields.

It wuz a pleasant convenshun. The delegates wuz full uv enthooslasm for the party and its time-honored prinsiples, and the oftener they went to Bascom's the more enthoosiastic they became. To save time I finelly adjourned em to Bascom's in order to keep a quorum together.

I rose, ez is the regler thing, to report a series uv resolooshens wich I hed prepared wich runs ez follows:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, in convenshun assembled, now, ez ever, reiterate ther approval uv the war uv 1812, and wunst more nale the motto, "free trade and salers' rites," to the mast head, and under it demand to be led to victry.

This resolooshen wuz reseeved with cheers.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners reaffirm their devoshun to the prinsiples uv the immortal Jefferson and Jackson likewise, and congratulate the country upon the successful result uv the battle uv Noo Orleens.

Resolved, That the thanks uv this convenshun is hereby tendered to the gallant volunteers from Kentucky and Tennessee, who, on that bloody feeld beat back the British invader, and added new luster to the Amerikin name.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to a high protective tariff, to the nashnel bank, and in favor uv hard money, and opposed to paper uv any kind.

Here wuz a little trouble. Bascom insistid that we ought not to include a denunshiashen uv paper money, for, ez he understood it, wat the Dimocrisy wantid wuz more paper money, and no gold for the bloatid bond-holders.

Deekin Pogram rose and sed he didn't know wat the Dimocrisy wantid nor wat they didn't want, but this he did know, that a resolooshen agin paper money hed bin in evry Dimekratic platform he ever hed anything to do with, sence the first convenshun he attendid, in 1828, and he wood never sit camly by and see a platform with that plank left out. He wanted to stand by the old lites, and wuz opposed to innovashuns and innovators. Then I went on:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy protest agin the okkepashen uv the suvrin states uv the South by Fedrel troops, and demand their immejit withdrawal.

"Parson," sed the Deekin, "hezn't Hayes withdrawd the troops?"

"Deekin, don't interrupt me."

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy demand uv the Fedrel government reform in the civil servis, and economy in the expenditoors, and——

"Parson," sung out Bascom, "ain't that jist wat Hayes is adoin? Wat do we want to endorse him for?"

"Bascom," I replied tartly—a little too tartly considerin that he holds the destiny uv our stummicks in his hands—"will yoo tell me wat good any reform kin be to us wich we don't make? Wat ef he is cuttin down offis-holders? Wat ef he is rootin out sinecures? Wat ef he is reformin? Wat good is reform to me so long ez there is a nigger radikle in the post-offis, wher I ought to be, and a white radikle in the collector's offis, wher Issaker Gavitt ought to be? Ther's a distinkshen. It does make a diffrens who institoots a reform."

The resolooshens wuz adoptid, a tikkit wuz nominated, and the convenshun adjourned. It's a good thing to hold a Dimocratic convenshun in a bar-room—the delegates don't hev to skatter after the biznis is over.

I notist with alarm that the interrupshens and questionings in this convenshun came from Bascom and the Deekin. I feer that they don't altogether understand Dimocrisy. Dimocrisy is the same, one and indivisible, now and forever. Evence and condishns may change, but Dimocrisy never. Wat wuz Dimocrisy fifty yeers ago is Dimocrisy now, and will, I hope, be fifty yeers hence. I never go agin presedent; when a convenshun once passes a resolooshen, that becomes Dimocrisy, and all succeedin convenshuns must reiterate it. We occashnelly hev to interdoose noo matter; ez for instance the war brought in some noo ishoos wich we can't ignore, but wunst there, there they must stay. In addishen to approvin the last war with Great Britain, and opposin tariffs and sich, Dimekratic convenshuns from this time out must protest agin the okkepashen uv Southern states by Fedrel troops, and agin everything connectid with the war. Ef Providence ever blesses me with a son, I trust my sperit will hover over him and his son, and his son's son, in Dimocratic convenshuns, interdoosin resolooshens dammin the late war, and everything growin out uv it, ez well ez approvin uv the last war with Great Britain.

That's my idee uv Dimocrisy, and alluz will be. Dimocrisy is ez eternel ez the hills and jist ez immovable. We are ez hard ez the granit rox, and it takes jist ez much drillin to git anything new into us. We hold well, but we don't hold much. The most pitiful site in nacher is to see a young man who hez a idee into him, in an old Dimekratic convenshun. It's terrible to see the old stagers wich wuz suckled on the war uv 1812, and weaned on Jacksonism, strugglin to take in anything that hez happened sence that time, and fit it to theirselves. They can't do it.

It is cheerin to me to see the Dimocrisy uv the Corners follerin presedent so closely ez to demand hard money, when the wants uv the Corners demand paper, and lots uv it; and it wuz cheerin also to see them ignore the work the yooserper Hayes is doin, in the way uv reform, jist becoz he wuzn't electid by the Dimocrisy.

Sich Dimocrats yoo kin count on with a degree uv certainty that is deliteful. Wood, oh wood, that we hed more uv em!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 15, 1877.

Yisterday the Corners wuz profoundly shoked. Joe Bigler wuz over to Secessionville, and when he returned he spread the nooze that the frodulent President, Hayes, wuz on a Southern toor, and hed decided to make the Corners a visit.

I wuz profoundly alarmed. I hed red uv ovashens he hed receeved in the South, and hed wore mournin on my hat for two days in consekence. The idee uv Dimocrats bowin the knee to this Ablishn Baal and doin him honor stung me to the quick. And to think that he shood hev the impoodence to come to the Corners, and undertake to conker the just prejoodisses uv our sterlin Dimocrisy—that Dimocrisy wich never yit regardid time nor place—but wich alluz remained troo to the cardinal pints uv Dimocrisy—that he shood come and try to corrupt them, wuz too much.

Suthin hed to be did, and that quickly. Bigler sed he wood be here the next day, and I convened a meetin to wunst.

It wuz a sad occashen. I statid the objick in a few words. Here wuz a fraudulent President wich hed bin goin over the entire South—a Ablishn President—a travlin thro Kentucky and Tennessee, and hedn't ez yit been killed. Not so much ez a single brick hed bin shied at him—not so much ez a single hiss or a groan hed bin hurled at him. Hisses and groans and bricks! On the contrary this representative uv the Ablishn sentiment uv the North hed bin feasted, and wined and dined in the South, and by Southern men!

He wuz a comin to the Corners. Not content with pollutin Looisville, he wuz to continyoo his triumphel progress to the Corners, and it wood be expectid that the Corners wood put its neck nder his yoke, and yelp hosanners to this yooserper. Wood the Corners do it? (Cries of "Never! never!") With a nigger in the postoffis, and a radikel in the collector's offis, wood the Corners consider itself satisfied? Never! The troops hev bin withdrawd from Loosianer, but so long ez them offises is kep from the Dimocrisy, the remembrances uv a fratrisidle war still rankles in our buzms.

(The cheers wuz so vocifrus that I riz with the occashun.)

Wat does all this mean? Where is the Dimocrisy? Wat is Dimocrisy anyhow? Hez the old sperit died out? Do them Kentuckians wich are hurrahin for Hayes realize the fact that he wuz electid by Ablishn votes? Do they remember that his sword is rusted with Southern blood, and that to sich ez him they owe the loss uv their niggers?

Are they still Dimecrats?

Who is this Hayes?

Does he believe in the last war with Great Britain?

Does he believe in the resolooshens uv '98?

Does he bleeve in free trade?

Does he bleeve that Jaxon wuz the greatest uv Amerikins, and that the volunteers from Kentucky and Tennessee wich wuz at Noo Orleens are deservin uv resolooshens uv thanks at every Dimecratic convenshun?

Is he opposed to internal improvements, and does he still shout for "free trade and salers' rites?"

Is he in favor of the extenshun uv slavery to the territories, and is he opposed to the heresy uv Douglas?

Did he vote for secession?

Does he bleeve in states' rites, and is he in favor uv hard money? Or ruther—well, on the hard money question I ain't so pertikeler, but, I sum it all up—is he a Dimekrat?

And then I perposed the adopshen uv the follerin resolooshens:

Wareas, A fraudulent President which is a yooserper is makin a toor uv the South, and hez bin reseeved with demonstrashens uv approval by Suthern Dimekrats, and

Wareas, The sed President is President de fakto, and not President de jure——

Deekin Pogram—"Parson, wat is de fakto and de jury?"

I explained to the Deekin that them terms wuz furrin in their strukter, but hed bin yoosed in Eastern Dimekratic noosepapers, and must therefore be good phrases, and that I wood explane em to him at some fucher time, and went on:

—and deserves the reprobashen, instid uv the applause, uv all Dimekrats, and

Wareas, We uv the Corners, hevin never heerd that this yooserper hez

single one uv the time-honored prinsiples uv the Dimecratic party, but is in all respects a bloody-minded Ablishnist, therefore be it

Resolved, That in antissipashen uv his comin the Corners be dressed in mournin.

Resolved, Ez a sense uv the hoomiliashen the Corners feels at his comin, that the day he is here shel be a day uv fastin and hoomiliashen, and that to properly express our feelins, Bascom shel close on that day, and the Corners shel gnash their teeth.

Resolved, That doorin the stay uv the yooserper the Dimocrisy uv the Corners shel keep within ther doors and leeve the welcomin uv the sed rod to the niggers and radikels.

The resolooshen closin Bascom's wuz modified into dressin his front and also the baris in black crape, at Bascom's expense, and the resolooshens wuz passed yoonanimusly.

At this pint Issaker Gavitt rose and wantid to offer a resolooshen. Issaker remarkt that the resolooshens wuz just ez things now stood, but he wuz a merciful man. He didn't want to cut the yooserper off entirely, but desired to give him a chance to gain the esteem uv the Corners. He wood give him one more chance—just one more, and ef he refoosed that, why then it wuz all over. He wood offer this resolooshen:

Resolved, That while we brand Rootherford B. Hayes ez a President de facto, and ez a oppressor uv the South, and ez a destroyer uv the liberties uv his country, and so feelin, refooze to welcome him to the Corners, nevertheless, ef he shel do the Corners the justis to remove the infamus radikel wich is collector, and appint in his place Issaker Gavitt, and also remove the nigger postmaster and appint in his place the Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, it wood go a great way toward softenin the bitternis and hoomiliashen wich now rankles in the bozom uv the Corners, and wood tend very much toward restorin that harmony and good feelin that shood exist between a secshun and the general government.

I wuz in doubt whether we ought to concede so much, but Bascom turned his eyes appealingly to me and I consented. I owe that man too much to stand on trifles. The addishnl resolooshen wuz passed, and we adjourned, feelin that watever other places in Kentucky mite do, the Corners hed done its dooty.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Ex-Reformer.

P. S.—Jist ez we adjourned we got the nooze that Bigler hed bin hoaxin uv us—that the accursed yooserper wusn't comin to the Corners at all. That man needs killin. P. V. N.

MR. NASBY ASSISTS IN THE OHIO ELECTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 15, 1877.

At the rekest uv the gilelis Richard Bishop, wich people supposed didn't know how to run a campane, I came to Toledo, Ohio, to assist in gittin together the Dimocratic strength, and asshoorin the triumph uv that Dimocrisy uv wich, so fur, I hev bin a ardent supporter. And I may say, in parenthsis, that Dimocrisy hez no advantage over me in that respeck, for ef I hev bin a support to Dimocrisy, Dimocrisy hez bin a support to me.

The eleckshun day passed off, and every man did his dooty. The result will gladden the hart uv the Corners. We hev electid our guvernor, and we hev sekoored a majority uv the legislacher, wich gives us another Senator. Hallelooiy!

But the result uv the eleckshun in the county was a astonisher wich

I hevn't bin able to account for yit. The workin-men uv the county hed organized, for the perpus uv betterin ther condishn. Sum uv em, wich reely do work, hev hed ruther a close time, and hev bin groanin over ther troubles, but ther are sum thousands wich don't never work at all, and a lot uv lawyers and doctors, and sich like labrin men, wich alluz do the most healthy groanin on sich okkashens.

In the interest uv the Dimekratik candidates, I urged the labrin men along all I cood, for nine-tenths uv em wich does work, and wich, ez we figgered it, wood be troo to the movement, blongs to the radikels, naterally, and we expectid to bring the Dimekratik lams wich hed strayed into these pasters back into the fold on the mornin uv eleckshun.

The day passed and everything looked lovely. The labrin men wuz out in ther strength, and we wuz certin that we hed drawd enuff votes from the radikels to inshoor the success uv our tikkit. And that evenin I sot down with the candidates, and many wuz the beakers that we quaffed in jubilatin over the redempshen uv a Republikin stronghold.

I retired that nite ez happy ez a lord, and ez comfortable ez a man cood be wich hed acheeved a victory. I slept the sleep uv the man wich hez discharged his dooty and is tolrable certin uv gettin his pay for it.

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The mornin sun wuz a streemin thro the winder uv my room that blessid Wednesdy mornin. I sent down for a paper, and while I wuz pullin on the boots the Dimekratic Central Committee hed given me, I glanced at it. I wuz anxshus to feest my eyes on the triumph I hed acheeved by doopin the stoopid workin-men into runnin a tikkit uv ther own and throwin away ther votes.

Horror!

The labrin men hed swep the county, by a majority uv neerly two thousand.

I am a man uv prompt ackshun in all matters uv prinsiple. I may be slack in matters pertainin to myself. I am criminelly slow in all things wich concern meerly myself. I hev loitered when invitashens to drink hev bin extendid to others, and hev santered, very frekently, so slowly ez not to git in before the change wuz made; but in public matters where there is a prinsiple involved, no man kin be more prompt than I.

I lookt twice to make shoor that ther wuz no mistake about the majorities, and that the workin-men hed reely kerried the county when I started to the offis uv the hed centre. There wuz no time to lose. I didn't want to come in at the eleventh hour. So prompt wuz I that I went with wun boot on, and no hat. It wuz seven o'clock a. m., and ther wuz no time to lose.

I enrolled myself ez a workin-man immejitly, and well it wuz that I wuz ez prompt ez I wuz. For within a minit there cum to that offis a thousand Republikins and Dimecrats, wich claimed the rite to enroll theirselves in the noble army uv labrin men.

They cum from every direckshun.

Ther wuz in that throng every man wich hed bin bustid for a nominashen in either the Republikin or Dimekratic party, for ten years, and the most promisin assortment uv heretofore unknown offis-seekers wich I ever saw. And every blessid man uv em, without excepshun, all commenst a speech, towurst, and in korus, on the rites uv the down-trodden labrin man, and all uv em howled the same speech.

I saw these same men yisterday workin zelusly for the Dimecratic or

Republikin tikkets, and afore the eleckshun they hed bin most industrusly a standin on the corners uv the street, smokin very cheap cigars when they hed to buy em theirselves, and very expensive ones when they wuz bought by other people.

"Are yoo goin to take these people in?" I shreeked in agony. "Can't yoo see that ther ain't offises enuff to go around?"

"Sir!" exclamed they all feercely, "in this holy croosade agin cappytle, and for the horny-handid toilers, we assert ther is offises enuff. Ther wuz about four thousand votes, and we, who from circumstances didn't git in soon enuf to vote, will swell the number to five thousand. Very good. Let the Sheriff elect, immejitly appint two thousand five hundred deppyties, and the Treasurer elect stand up for the rites uv the labrin man, by appinting two thousand five hundred clerks, and then keep out uv the organizashen the bloatid bankers, merchants, and them ez own shops and sich, so that we kin tax them, to pay our salaries. We shel keep out enuff cappytle to tax to support us. Cappytle hez hed its sway, so far—now laber comes in."

And they votid to keep the books open till nine that day, and then close 'em. Ther didn't any more come, thank Hevin. The party is strong enuff to hold the city, but, merciful hevins! onless the sejestion I hev quotid is actid onto, what are they all agoin to do? They kin elect a Council, next spring, and that Council kin vote to pay the labrers $2.50 a day, but they won't take that. Ez they all expect offis, wat good will it be to offer 'em work at any price?

I sympathize with the labrin man, jist afore every eleckshun, but I think I shell git out uv the organizashen and go back to Kentucky wher ther aint any labor done that hurts. Ther is too eager an appreshiashen uv offis to make it comfortable for a man like me, and the ranks uv the labrin men are likely to be swelled too fast for my purpus. Wat chance is ther for one man among five thousand, and all uv em ez I am?

The temprense movement is hevin a run up ther, but I indignantly refoozed to jine it. I wuz askt to deliver a temprense lecter, but I declined.

"I'm not a reformed drunkard," sed I.

"That's easily fixed," remarked the rekester. "All yoo hev to do is to quit."

I heerd one man make a speech on the street corner.

"Rum, like the grasshopper," sed he, "is a burden. I went home last night, and went to the pantry for suthin to eat, and it wuz bare. I looked at my wife and children, and ther they sot, cold and hungry. Ther wuz no food, no fooel, in the house—wat shood hev pervided for em hed gone for rum. Ez I looked into ther pale, pinched faces, and ther emashated forms, awakened conshense strove with me, and I then and there took a solemn oath never to drink again—onless I wuz asked."

The eleckshun in Ohio is a triumph but it don't do me any good. Ther ain't no way uv reeching my postoffis for three yeers, and I can't wait. I shel be in the silent tomb before that, and the worms will be at me. Still, I did my dooty.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Workin-man.

MR. NASBY ON THE SOUTHERN DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 27, 1877.

Despite the Dimocratic triumph in Ohio, and the prospective success in Pennsilvany, my hart is sad.

The Dimocrisy uv the South is crushed, and there ain't no life into em For the fust time sence the beginnin uv the unconstooshnel war, the corners hain't got a greevance with wich it kin inflame the public mind, or fire the public hart.

The infamus eight to seven President, Hayes, hez taken away all our capitle, and did it in sich a crooel manner that I hevn't words to express my detestashen uv the man, or my hatred uv his ax.

For fifteen yeers or thereabout—I can't git fax down to a fine pint in my present demoralized condishn—we hed a soft thing on the Radikels. I hed it in my power at any time to inflame the Corners to a pitch uv frenzy which enabled me to do anything under heaven with em. All I hed to do wuz to leen on the bar at Bascom's, and sigh, and demand uv the people "wat wuz the yoose uv startin a woolen factry, or developin a plantashen or bildin a cotton mill, or anything uv the sort, so long ez the South wuz overrun with bloo-coted minyuns, and all our energies paralyzed?"

Then Issaker Gavitt, after tryin in vane to borrer a quarter uv Deekin Pogram wood jine in. "Wat is the yoose," he wood say, "uv capitalists investin ther means in developin the country, when they were groanin under military despotism? For one, I'll never put my means into nothin till we are releeved."

Then the entire bilin uv them ez wuz leanin on the counter, waitin for some stranger to come in and treet em, wood swear that so long ez they wuz a groanin under the oppression uv military rool, that they'd be d—d ef they advance anything for any enterprises uv any kind. It wuz liable to be rooled by the iron heel uv military power.

And after this ebullishn, they'd look wearily around to see wich cood hold out the longest, and finelly jine agin Bascom, and so worry him that he'd give em eech credit for a bowel-warmer, rather than be annoyed with em, after which they'd go home and brood over the oppression they wuz suffrin under, while ther wives wuz splittin wood with wich to fry the bacon they hed borrered.

Now this is all over. We never did hev any military at the Corners but ther wuz about 800 scattered thro the South. Them is all withdrawd and our capitle is gone. We can't enthuse any more. That withdrawal of the military sealed up the fountain uv teers wich we hed bin in the habit uv sheddin over the oppreshn we hed bin sufferin under, and choked off our lamentashens. Ef I say "military okkepashen," immejitly some Radikel remarks that the troops is all withdrawd, and ther ain't a bloo-kote in the South.

Then my sole sinks.

Wat good wood a reformer be in a world wich hez no sin in it? What good is ther in bein a agitator, when ther ain't nothin' to beller agin. E. the yooserper hed left a hundred soljers in the South—ef he hed left ten—ef he hed put up a bloo-kote in a korn-feeld, it wood hev bin enuff; but to send the entire eight hundred off to fite Injins, wuz crooelty to me and sich ez me, for wich I shel never forgive him.

The idee uv Dimecratic Convenshuns bein obleeged to endorse the acts uv a Republikin President! The idee of hevin nothin' to howl about!

I hev hed nothin but trouble and disappintment sence this policy wuz adopted. When I wuz in Noo York last week I tried to raise a fund to organize the Dimocrisy for the next campane in the South. Not a dollar cood I git, for the merchants all remarkt that they wuz too bizzy shippin goods to the South to attend to nashnel pollytix. They refoozed to contribbit a cent, for they sed things wuz doin quite well, thank you, and they thought they cood git along without my help.

In Kentucky, outside of the Corners, the people hev quit pollitix, purty much, and hev settled down to workin the plantashens, and the planters are conciliatin the niggers and payin uv em wages. The niggers ain't a votin together, and the whites aint nuther. The mizable low-sperited beins are goin on quietly attendin to her biznis, and ther ain't no call for men like me. They remark to me that ez they ain't got any rites that are in jeperdy, they ain't a suffrin for a defender to any alarmin extent, and they step up and take ther drinks, by theirselves, and don't ask me, and so I suffer from drouth.

When the pot biles, the sediment comes to the top. The yooserper hez poured ile onto the pot, and it don't bile. The sediment stays quietly in soak in the bottom, and I am sediment, and wo is me.

I am at the bottom, while fat is at the top.

Death can't come to my releef any too quick.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

MR. NASBY'S MATRIMONIAL VENTURE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 18, 1877.

The polisy uv the yooserper hez bin my rooin. Probably ther ain't a more mizable man in the entire State, and that is sayin a great deel, for I don't know uv any State that hez more mizable men, or one in wich the mizable men are quite ez mizable.

That mizable wretch Joe Bigler come to me day before yisterdy, and sejested that ez the President—sich is his term for the yooserper—had put out an olive branch uv amity and concord between the two races, it wood be a graceful thing ef a Kentuckian—a white Kentuckian—should accept it and demonstrate his sincerity by marryin one of the inferior race, wich is now our ekals afore the law.

"Sir!" sed I, assoomin a stern and injoored look, "do yoo dare to sejest sich a thing to me? To me, a Kentuckian, that is, a Kentuckian by brevet? Dare you make me a proposishen at wich every drop uv Anglo-Saxon blood in my vanes boils with horror? Avant!"

He didn't avant, however, but went on to say that in the outskirts uv the village there wuz a culerd woman wich hed a cabin, and a very comfortable one, and, he bleeved, some money. At all evence, she was a excellent washer and ironer, and cood support a husband in fairly good stile, by her labor.

"And yoo know, Nasby, it's more than three yeers before yoo kin inoggerate a Dimecratic President, ef yoo elect him; and ef yoo do, you hev to take the chances uv gittin yoor place agin a score of hungry Dimecrats, who want it ez badly ez yoo do Think uv three yeers uv comparative comfort!"

Bascom struck in to-wunst, for he saw his chance uv makin me a cash customer, knowin that he'd git nine-tenths uv wat the woman wood earn, and Deekin Pogram who hez bin wantin suthin on wat I hev bin borrerin uv him all these weary years, urged it strongly.

"In the good old times," he sighed, "we hed no scruples about niggers, except in the matter uv goin thro the formality uv marryin uv em."

And when I thought uv a comfortable home with a muscular female furnishin the supplies, a great deel uv the disgust that I felt at marryin a nigger evaporated, and I determined to do it. Fatal conclusion:—

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I proposed the next mornin at 9; she accepted, and before ten we wuz ez firmly married ez a Justis uv the Peece cood do it. I wuz wunst more the hed uv a family.

The Justis and the witnesses left the house, and we wuz alone with our luv.

Melindy sot there with her hands folded, and a broad grin distendin her capashus mouth, and I sot there regardin her with feelins uv gratitood for a yooserper whose polisy hed led to a result so pleasant for me to contemplate. That woman could earn a dollar a day—cood feed her and myself on ten cents—I eat very little and bacon is cheap here, ef it is poor—and the other ninety! I saw before me unlimitid drinks— saw before me a long life in Bascom's bar with occasional trips to Looisville. And that human masheen a scrubbin away furnishin the meens! It wuz a gorgeous dreem—wood that I hed never bin awakened from it. That wuz a good time to die, while I felt well, and I wish I hed.

"Melindy, darlin," I spoke gently, "in the new relashuns we hev assoomed we must not forgit that life hez its dooties. Very pleasant is love's young dream, and well would it be for us ef we cood linger in it, and pass our entire lives under its bewitchin spell. But, Melindy, we can't. Love is representid ez with a pertikerlerly plump stumick, wich shows that it hez bin filled. We can't exist on love—we need bacon, and sich. Therefore, Melindy, awake from your dream, and git to that wash-tub. Them clothes must be out and on the line by noon. And Melindy, give me, yoor legal lord and master, wat loose change yoo hev in yoor possession, for I hev biznis up town."

Wat did this woman do?

She remarked:—

"Duz ye s'pose I'ze a gwine to s'port yoo, by washin?"

"Certainly I do, my deer—wat other perfeshn hev ye?"

"Ye duz, duz ye?"

"Uv course, and yoo don't want to lose no time. Wat does Solomon say uv the model woman? "She gittith up while it is yit nite, and she weaveth fine goods, wich she selleth to the merchants and her husband sitteth in the gates with the elders," or words to that effect. We can't be exactly scriptooral, for yoo don't weeve, but yoo wash wich is the same thing, and yoor husband is a goin to do ez the Israelite husband did, he is a goin to sit in the gates at Bascom's. To your tub, Melindy."

That wretched woman rose deliberately and regarded me intently for a moment. Then she walked to where that tub wuz standin, and tipped it over, on the floor.

"Woman, wat does this meen?" I exclaimed.

"Meen? It meens dat I didn't marry to 'sport a husband—I married to be sported. It meens dat yoo hev got to git de 'splies—I'll cook em, and

help yoo eat em, but no mo' washin for dis chile. Yoo git out to yoor work."

And she picked up that tub, and her washboard, and wat soap ther wuz left and went to Pollock's and tradid em off for some artifishel flowers for her bridle bonnit, ez she sed; and come and sot down in that bonnit, and refoosed to do a thing till I went out and got suthin for her to cook.

It wuz a bitter nite I past. Melindy hed some pervishens hidden away, wich I cood not git at, and by nite I wuz feerfully week, while she wuz ez strong ez ever. I attempted coershion, wich endid in my bein dragged over the floor for an hour or two, and finely being kicked out uv the door in a cold rain. In vane I begged for admishun. That onfeelin woman went quietly to her couch, and I stayed out all nite in the wet, listenin to her comfortable snores.

But my cup wuzn't full. Joe Bigler and Pollock went afore a justis uv the peece and complained uv me for not supportin my family, and I wuz given the choice uv goin to work, or goin to jale, and Malindy she appeered with a charge uv assalt and battery, and gineral inhuman treetment, and the justis—they took me afore the nigger justis at Libertyville—fined me $10 and committid me till it wuz paid. I write these lines in a lock-up; thank heaven, while I stay they hev got to feed me.

More than ever do I hate the yooserper. More than ever do I curse the fell sperit uv ablishism, wich hez brot this rooin upon me. In the good old days I cood hev compelled that woman to hev supported me without goin thro the forms uv marridge, and without takin any obligashen upon myself. And Bigler and Pollock, who put up the job on me, are laffin and jeerin, and I ain't shoor but that Bascom and the Deekin wuz in it, also. While I am langishin in a jale I ain't runnin up my account at Bascom's bar, and to all my frantic appeels for releef, even for a pint, he crooelly turns a deef ear. I'll make it warm for em ef I ever git out uv this.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Deceived, but not Crushed.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN POLICY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 10, 1877.

I suppose the sun will continyoo to shine, and the rains fall, ez before. I presume autumn will foller summer, winter autumn, and spring winter, jest the same ez tho Tilden hed bin electid, and the yooserper Hayes wuz still a lawyer in Fremont, wich is in the once ablishn, but now redeemed, State uv Ohio. I hev observed that nacher don't take much notis uv evence wich is uv vital importance to nacher's cheef and noblest produx—men. It is uv importance to me whether I hev the Postoffis at the Corners or not, and when the tyrant Grant removed me, the face uv everything wuz dark. I wuz disappintid when the sun riz the next day with more than yoosual britenis, and the birds sung and the grasshoppers chirped merrily, for it didn't seem to me that it wuz in akkordance with the eternal fitnis uv things.

I wuz more disgustid, yisterday, than I wuz then. I wuz stawkin down the street towards Bascom's, in the faint hope uv meetin a Noo York drummer there, and passin myself orf onto him ez a store-keeper in an adjoinin village, to the extent uv a refresher or two, wich is my sole dependence now, when I met Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram. I stopped them in the hope that one uv them mite hev a bottle conceeled about his person,

and that they wood be too thirsty to put off takin suthin, when the Deekin chirped up.

"Parson," sed he cheerfully, "I feel good. Everything hez worked to our entire satisfackshen, President Hayes—"

"President Hayes?" I queried. "You meen the yooserper Hayes."

"Hev it yoor own way. The yooserper, ef that term pleases yoo, hez withdrawd the troops, and releevd us here in Kentucky from the grindin oppreshn uv a company uv bloo-kotid monsters in Noo Orleens, wich permits us to go on with out enterprises here in a free and unfettered manner. Thea the Depitty Marshel wich hez been appintid here is a Dimecrat—ez good a Dimocrat ez yoo or I, and there seems to be a era uv good feelin inoggeratid, wich—"

"Idiot!" I sed sternly, "pause. Yoc are praisin the yooserper. Every Dimocrat in the Yoonitid States hez coz to curse him with forty hoss power. He hez taken away every greevance wich we ever hed. Hed Tildin and Reform bin electid, he wood hev removed the troops. The Radikels wood hev opposed it, and then wood hev come a fite. We cood hev hed suthin to fite over. Ther wood hev bin a cawsus belli, and every Dimocratic orator and writer in the country wood hev hed suthin to defend. We wood hev suthin to go on. Ther wood hev bin burnins, and hangins, and riots and sich, the same ez before. We cood continyoo to inflame the Southern hart, by appeelin to 'em to stand up agin ther wood-be oppressors, and the Dimocrisy uv the North cood hev thrown theirselves into the breech ez the defenders uv constooshnal liberty, and agin military oppreshn, and—"

"But Hayes hez stopped all this" chirped the poor Dekin.

"Certinly he hez and he hez rooi ed the Dimocrisy. Deekin, wat is a Dimocrat without a greevance? Yo o speek uv his appintin a Dimocrat ez depity marshel ez a consilitory meas re. Deekin, yoo are an ijeot uv the first water. Ez long ez a radikel wuz huntin our friends in the hills wich wuz doin illicit distillin, they felt they wuz opprest by a radikel administrashen, and they wuz willin to do any variety uv Dimocrisy, from shootin a nigger or a fedrel offiser, down to votin twice at a eleckshun. You cood alluz count on em. But now, Bill Simpson, a Confedrit soljer and a Dimocrat uv undoubtid pedigree, is appintid marshel, and wat happens? He will raid the stills jist the same ez his Republikin predecessor did, and we, the Dimocrisy, will hev to bear the ojum uv it. Wat kin we say to the stiller, wich comes to our convenshun, bilin over with indignashen at hevin his mash seezed, when he hez to sit ez a delegate beside the Dimocrat wich seezed it? It is crooel. That greevance, wich wuz a helthy wun, is gone.

"Deekin, the yooserper is a goriller, and I want none uv him. Instid of approvin him yoo want to cuss him. He hez disembowled us, and we are bereft. Kin we scratch ef we hevn't got no itch? Scratchin is a necessity to us, and shel we applaud the man wich removes the coz for scratchin? He hez taken the bred out uv my mouth. Deekin, go to."

"But, parson, wat intrest hez Issaker and I, wich don't want no offis, nor coodent git one ef we did, in these—"

"Deekin," wuz my quick reply, seein wat he wuz drivin at, "it may be of no interest to you, but it is to me. The Dimocratic party wuz made for sich ez me."

There is goin to be trouble in the Corners. The apathy that pervades the public mind is suthin feerful. Instid uv talkin uv oppreshun and other deliteful politikle themes, yoo heer the stoopid asses discussin the ways

and means to git in a big corn crop next spring, and I hev caught some uv em, actilly feedin their cattle this winter. It is distressin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.

P. S.—The Corners is yoonanimus for silver, wich I approve uv. I hev scriptooral authority for urgin silver. It wuz that metal that Joodis Iskariot wuz paid in. For the purpus uv takin the sence uv the citizens on this question I approached Bascom mildly on the subject.

"Bascom," sed I, "are yoo willin to take silver for drinks?"

"Parson," sed he ez a sad look clouded his face for an instant, ez he glanced at my account, "Parson, I'll take anything from yoo, for drinks, except promises,—anything."

P. V. N.

CONKLING AND CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 17, 1877.

When the yooserper Hayes attemtid wat he calls civil service reform, he struck a blow at the Dimocratic party wich, ef he succeeds, will wreck it.

Ef he and his Cabinit is going to take the appintin power out uv the hands uv the Senators and Representatives, and ef the absurd noshun that any sich humbug ez fitnis is to be the rool in fillin the offises, why chaos comes agin.

Wat interest wood I hev in politics ef it wuzn't for the postoffis at the Corners, wich to me is like faith, the evidence uv things not seen, and the substance uv things hoped for?

Ef a Senator can't fill the Custom-houses uv his State and the Postoffises ez well, with them ez packt the caucuses for him, and run the Convenshuns for him, wat earthly show hez he for gittin re-electid and keepin his grip onto his seat?

Take from the Senators and Representatives the patronage wich they dispense, and half uv em wood be displaced at the next eleckshun, and sich men ez me wood hev to resign all hope uv livin on the fat uv offis-holdin and become tramps, our only alternative bein the disgustin one uv work, wich I never, never will do, while reason holds its throne, or there is a man left that I kin borrow a dollar and a half uv.

Take away the patronage and there is no incentive to patriotism for sich men ez me, and wat wood our poor country do then?

Takin away the patronage makes orfuns uv sich men ez I am. The Treasury uv our glorious country is our father and mother, and rich maiden aunt. From it we draw sustenance now, and hev hopes uv better pickin in the fucher.

The glorious fight that Senator Conkling is makin in behalf uv the Nasbys uv the Yoonitid States endeers him to every man uv em. I yoost to think him the vilest of the vile. I hev denounst his partisanship, ridicooled his vanity, and otherwise aboosed him, but I take it all back. I luv Sonator Conkling, and from this time out my hat, ef I hev one, will alluz be ready to be throwd up for him.

Senator Conkling is a standin rebook to them ez jedge hastily uv men. I hatid him becoz he allus appeared afore the public ez a honest man. I wuz mistaken, but I am not to blame for bein deceeved. He wore perpetyooally sich an expresshun uv sooperior morality, he talked with sich unkshen about purity and sich, that I never sposed that so small a thing ez

patronage ever entered his mind. I sposed that he never mixed in the small matters that sich men ez me are interested in, and that the menshun uv a postoffis, or a humble place in a custom-house, wood make him sick; and ez for yoosin sich places and the people wich fill em for his own purposes— wood hev ez soon thought uv Sumner's doin it.

In short, I supposed that Conkling wuz a small pattern uv Sumner—a dilootid imitashen uv that Massachoosits fanatic. I figgered that he hed all uv Sumner's pride, ef he didn't hev Sumner's ability. He bore the same relashun to Sumner that watered milk does to the genyooine dairy product. It's very thin, but it's milk after all.

Thank heaven I wuz deceeved—Sumner didn't leeve so much ez an imitashen behind him. The favorite son uv Noo York is now my man, even ez Patterson is. He hankers after custom-houses, for custom-houses made him, and he won't relinquish his hold on em.

The fight he made for his plunder fills my sole with admirashen. I cherished hard feelins agin him when he permittid the yooserper to turn out five hundred men from the Noo York Custom-house last spring, for it looked as tho wuz on too high a plane to look after sich things. But the fite he is makin now justifies him in my eyes. I see it all. He wuz willin to let half uv em go, for appearance's sake, provided he wuz allowed to keep control uv wat wuz left. He cood pack cawcusses with the half ez well ez with the whole, for them ez wuz left wood make up in zeel wat they lacked in numbers. And besides it wuz nessary to throw a sop to the onreasonable people wich is clamorin for reform.

But when the yooserper put his profane hand on to the collector and naval offiser, and perposed to put men in their places wich wuzn't devotid to the Senator, his blood riz and he showed fite. And a very vigorous fite he made. He forgot the silver bill, he forgot resumpshen, he forgot everything. Conkling wuz assailed, his persnel property wuz bein wrestid from him, and he fought ez a lionis for her whelps. It wuz a gorgeous spectacle, and the result thrilled with joy every man like me in the country.

The intelligence diffoosed a feelin uv satisfackshen over the entire Corners. Ef the rool wich the yooserper is tryin to establish, obtaines, wat will we do in 1880, wen we elect Tilden and reform? He woodent dare to vary it, and then wat wood become uv me and sich ez me? How cood Tilden and reform decide who shood hev the places from mere considerashun uv fitnis? It's an innovashen wich the Corners wood never stand, never.

The posishen he hez took pleases me, for it's on my level. There are peeple wich 'spose that a man is put in offis on account uv the people, but they'r mistaken. The troo Nasbyan idee uv holdin offis is that the only biznis uv a offis-holder, wunst in, is to give his whole mind to stayin in. That is his first biznis, and wat he must pay his prinsiple attenshun to. When the people hev elevatid a man it wood be disrespect to them not do everything in his power to stay elevatid. To let hisself ever go out wood be to cast a slur on their judgment. A Senator may at the last end uv a session vote in a hurry on a tariff or a silver bill, or resumpshun, or any uv them minor matters, but they are uv no moment beside the question ez to whether he will be returned hisself. Hence we kin understand why Senator Conklin takes up the beginnin uv the session contestin the removal of his Collectors and sich. Ef they go out, and others get the places, wat kin he do when it comes to nominatin the Legislacher that elects the next Senator? Ef he

hasn't the Custom House and the Postoffises some other man may git to be Senator, and wat wood the country do then?

There's a prinsiple involved in this, a prinsiple wich I and Senator Conkling will go to our deaths for.

I extend the hospitality uv the Corners to Senator Conkling. I never expectid to see him with us, but he is all the more welkom for that. Recroots from unexpectid sources are alluz the most welkom. He hez come over to the Dimocratic idee in this, and there is hopes that he may progress further. At all evence, in stoppin the march uv the heresy that the yooserper is tryin to force on the country, he is doin a work wich I will never forgit. I extend my fraternel hand to Senator Conkling and bid him God-speed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.

SILVER AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Dec. 22, 1877.

Ez a matter of course, the Corners is impecunious. There never wuz a time in the history uv this place that it wuzn't in that state uv finanshel helth. The disinclinashen uv the people to labor—the porousnis uv the clay wich requires so much likwid fillin, and the loss uv time resultin, makes it extremely difficult for anything like accumulashen to happen, consekently borrerin is the principal industrial pursoot, wich would be well enuff ef there wuzn't any payin. Payin is wat blites a man, and cripples his energies. Payin is slowly, but shoorly underminin the Corners, and sappin its prosperity. I hate payin. It robs a dollar uv all its delite to know you hev got to pay it agin, after you hev spent it. Wat I shood like wood be to hev dollars wich reprodoose their selves. Ef two dollars cood only marry and hev large families! That wood be suthin like.

The Silver bill wich Bland is pushin pleases us here for several reasons. The Corners is largely composed uv the debtor class. We are all in debt. That graspin Shylock, Bascom, hez furnisht us the necessaries uv life these twenty years, and hez kept on "chargin it up," when we didn't pay, with the remorselis accooracy uv a feend. He never cood get no mortgage out uv me to secoor hisself for the reason that I don't happen to hev anything to mortgage, but he does hold mortgages on Deekin Pogram's place, and also on every other place in the visinity, for money lent and supplies furnisht. Wat happens? Why Bascom wants his pay. He sneerinly sez that ef we don't expect to pay wat do we drink fur? "Kin I buy likker in Louisville, and sell it to yoo without pay?" sez he.

Ah! ef he only knows how pleasant it is to drink and how onpleasant it is to pay he would change his mind about it. But there are very few largeheartid men in the world.

Bascom wants his money and Bascom is consekently a Shylock. He is a oppressor, and a grinder uv the faces uv the people. We wood rise up in our wrath and mob him, but alas! there ain't one uv us wich hez credit enuff for a barl uv likker in Looisville, and so we hev to endoor him.

Therefore when heerd uv this silver biznis we wuz rejoist. Ef silver is made a legle tender, and is only wuth 92 cents on the dollar now, we hev at least, rescood ourselves from the grasp uv this mersenary cuss wich wants his money, 8 per cent's wuth anyhow. And we are satisfied it will go lower than that. When Sharon and Jones and the silver miners of uv

Nevady hev got things fixed so that they kin pay wat they owe in ther own silver, they will hist it out to an extent wich will make it ez cheep ez ccod be wished. Then we will hev this yoosurer, wich holds destruckshen over us. Our land,—I am speekin uv the other citizens now wich hev land—will go up ten times in valyoo. Land wich is now wuth $40 an acre will spin up to $400,—in silver—and we will sell enuff to git wat we owe Bascom, and we will load a cart with it and take it to that unmerciful creditor and compel him to take it, and releese us from his dominashen.

I see in my mind's eye that deer, deliteful old saint, Dekin Pogram, makin a deed for two acres uv the hundred and fifty he hez. That miserable, grindin Bascom lent him $1,000 four years ago, wich hez bin runnin on interest ever sence, and he hez a bar bill uv perhaps $300 more, makin all perhaps 1,500 wich this Shylock holds agin him. There will be a speckilator from Looisville, down to the Corners a buyin land.

"Deekin, wat will yoo ask me an aker for two akers off the east side uv yoor place?" sez the spekilator.

"Mirandy," sez the deekin, "wat do I owe that crooel, hard-hearted shylock uv a Bascom?"

"One thousan five hundred dollars," will be Mirandy's anser.

"Sir," sez the Dekin, "you kin hev two aeres for jist $1,500. I must git out uv the clutches uv that monster wich demands remorselisly the money he lent me. Oh, the hard-heartidnis uv this world! Thank heaven, I hev but a few more years uv it. Mirandy, send the jug to Bascom's, and tell him I'll try to pay him suthin on account next week."

And then the land will be sold, (the two akers,) leavin the Deekin 138, wich is enuff, and the Deekin will load the silver in his cart, and will take it over to Bascom's and dump it triumphantly down on the floor, and demand his releese. Then will he be free uv this shark—he will satisfy his cormorant—he will walk the streets erect, a free man. Then will everybody do likewise, but me, and I persoom I will, for silver will be so cheap that I kin probably borrer enuff to pay the graspin man wat I owe him.

We held a meetin last nite and resolved that it wuz the sentiment uv the Corners that silver shood be remonetized, and that resumpshen shood be put off. The Corners will allez resolve to put off payin anythin. It wuz a enthuoosiastic meetin, made up entirely uv the debtor class. I made a stirrin speech wich would hev hed an immense effect but for one triflin draw-back. I wuz dilatin on the "Dollar uv the Fathers," and sed with a burst uv elokence. "Look at this piece uv money! It wuz this kind uv money wich carried the country thro—"

It wuz an unfortunit way uv gittin at things. For I didn't hev a piece uv silver in my pockit, and I appeeled to the aujence to hunt one up that I mite give pint to the flite, but alas! ther wuzn't a peece uv silver in the house, not even a dime! But I turned this to akkount even. I pride myself on bein able to pluck the flower Safety from the nettle Danger. Most men wood hev bin disconcerted at this, but not me. "My frends," I sed, "when we hev this silver bill past, I won't be caught in this awkward fix. Every man in the Corners will hev a cart-load uv it."

And they give three cheers for the silver bill, and adjourned.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

P. S.—That graspin Bascom hez throwd a fire-brand into the Corners. Ez silver is at a discount uv eight per cent., he hez waterd his whisky jist that amount. He sez ef we want to pay him in debased currency we hev got to take debased likker. That man will hev to be killed, yit.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY'S NEW CURRENCY IDEA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 14, 1878.

I am not satisfied with silver, now that I hev given the subject uv currency that attenshun wich so important a matter demands. I understand that silver kin be prodoost in unlimited quantities in the territories, and that ther ain't reely any limit to the amount that kin be put upon the markit. Also I understand, and kin appreshiate the fact, that the man wich is in debt and in distress, and wich is hungrin and thirstin to git out, wich hez suthin, kin make that suthin avaleable by bein able to yoose silver in the payin uv his debts.

But that don't help us uv the Corners. Silver is a parshel releef, but it don't strike that vast army uv men wich ain't got nuthin. Wat good is it to say to me, "Yoo shel be releesed from yoor debts on the payment uv 25 cents on the dollar," when I havn't got the twenty-five cents, and can't see my way cleer to git em? It is askin for bred and givin me a stun. It is holdin out false indoosements wich amount to nuthin.

Wat the Corners want and wat the Corners must hev, is a medium wich is more easily procoored than silver. The remonetizashun uv silver wood help out the bonanza men, and them ez hev suthin on wich they kin git silver at the discount it will go to, but that don't do us here in the Corners. For while I wuz advocatin the Silver Bill the other day, and urgin that it wood enable us to pay off debts at a discount, Joe Bigler kum up, and sed he:—

"But Parson, 'spose yoo cood pay off at 75 cents on the dollar with silver. Wher are yoo goin to git the 75 cents?"

That remark uv his opened to me a wide field uv conjecter. Silver won't do for us for it hez some intrinsic valyoo. The dettor class wants to be releeved in hole—not in part. We want a currency wich is avaleable to the meanest ez well ez the noblest.

I sejest leather!

Wat I want is a currency made uv leather. Leather is perdoosed in all the States uv the Yooniun, and is accessible to the most humble citizen uv the Republic. Wherever there is a cow and a tannery, leather kin be perdoosed, and why we shoodent yoose that ez a medium uv exchange, beets me.

What is a dollar? A dollar is a idee. Watever the Goveenment puts its stamp onto is a dollar. The bonanza men in Colorado want the Govement to put its stamp onto silver, and make dollars uv silver, becoz they happen to own the mines wich perdoose silver. They will then deliberately quit floodin ther mines and they will pile out the silver by the ton, and pay off their debts with it, and see their titles cleer to the property they now owe for, and will retire in affluence, and conscious they hev done a smart finanshel thing. But wat good will that do us uv the Corners wich can't git ther silver? Wat's the yoose uv sayin to a starvin person that he kin git bred at 5 cents a loaf if he hezn't got the 5 cents? We hain't got 75 cents on the dollar uv wat we owe, and the passage uv the silver bill is only goin to help the parshelly pecoonius.

Wat we want is full and entire releef. We want a currency wich we ourselves kin furnish, and that I am going to move for. I want silver coined and made legle tender for the benefit uv the West, and I want leather coined and made legal tender for the benefit uv the Middle States

and the East. In this holy croosade agin the creditor class I insist that all seckshuns shall start fair, and that no one seckshun shell hev an advantage over the other.

I want leather coined into dollars. I want every man wich hez a side uv first rate sole-leather to hev the privilege uv depositin it in a mint uv the Yoonited States, and hevin it stamped into pieces wich shel represent dollars, and that them dollars shel be legal tender for any debt, public or private, that he may owe.

Understand me, I am no inflashunist, nor do I desire to injer the public credit. I desire that everything shel go along smoothly and properly. And to that end I shel insist that—

1st—The leather shel be sole, uv first quality, hemlock-tanned, and entirely merchantable.

2d—That it shel not be in the power uv everybody to coin leather. I won't hev every man wich kin git a punch and a stamp makin his own money, for then ther wood be an over-ishoo. To prevent that I shel require that the coinin uv leather shel be done at reglerly institooted Government mints, and by nobody else. So much to pertect the currency.

3d—To pertect the people and to be shoor that enuff currency shall be furnisht to supply the wants uv trade, I insist that every man wich kills a bull shel be privileged to hev the hide tanned, and shel be allowed to take that hide, when tanned, to a mint and hev it stamped into money, each piece to weigh so much, and that when the government stamp is onto it, it shel be legle tender for a dollar.

The simple process will equalize the East with the West. Silver kin be lifted out in Colorado and them secshuns ez easily ez cattle kin be killed in the East, and ez they want ther mejum with wich to pay their debts, uv course we want our to pay ours. We hev cattle and they hev silver. I am willin they shall make legle tender uv their silver—I want to make legle tender uv a small part uv our cattle. Ef it is urged that it will prevent our hevin sich shoes ez we ought to hev, my anser is ready. The Corners hevn't worn shoes to any extent for a great many yeers. The Corners hez other yoose for its money.

The advantages uv this medium are obvious. While we want more money we want money that anybody kin git hold uv. When we ask for a finanshel fish wat is the use uv offerin us a stun uv silver? Ef we aint got the silver we are ez bad off ez before. We want to pay our debts and git out. Leather is attainable by the most humble. He is a poor man indeed who hezn't got a bull to kill, and when kin sell the carcass and coin the hide he kin pay. Then he is solvent. Then he kin start new and go into debt agin conshus that the meens uv payment are alluz within his reech. The government stamp unto it pertects it and makes it good, and what more does any one want?

Do I heer a carper say that other countries won't take leather currency? Wat do we, wich are in debt, care about other countries? My deelins hev never bin in furrin countries. I deel prinsipally with Bascom. and ef I kin hev a currency wich will pay him, I don't keer for much else. Wat want is suthin that will stimoolate trade here and let me out. That done everything is done so fur ez I am concerned, and wat do I keer for anything else? Nothin.

It seems to me that this settles the currency question entirely, and that ther is nothin more to be said. Give uv us not only a double but a triple currency. Let us hev gold, silver and leather. Only make em all legle

tender, and help us out here in the East, the same ez yoo do them in the West. Give leather a show for us, the same ez yoo do silver for them in the West. And espeshelly ez silver in the West kin be perdoost jist ez cheeply ez leather kin be in the East. Wat I want is fair play. In the gineral scoop I want my show.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Financeer.

BASCOM PREPARES FOR THE SILVER RUSH.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 22, 1878.

I ain't so certin that I want the silver bill to pass ez I wuz. The fact is the thing don't work ez I sposed it wood, and ain't cleer onto it. The fact is there is suttle principles in these finanshel questions which reqwires a great deel uv thought, and ther is underlyin principles wich a man hez got to understand afore he is competent to set hisself up ez authority.

One thing I am certin uv, Bascom ain't no finanseer, nor never will be, and I told him so.

"Wat is a finanseer?" asked he.

"A finanseer," sed I, assoomin the look of Dan'l Webster, "is a man wich kin pay his debts with nothin—a man wich kin git suthin with nuthin."

"The Corners, then, is full uv finanseers," he remarkt, bitterly, castin a casual glance at his slate, wich wuz jist full enuff to turn over and begin on the tother side.

But he hezen't any uv the science uv it. I wuz argooing with him the other day in favor uv my noshun uv a leather currency, though I told him silver wuz much the same thing, tho for example I wood assoom that silver wuz to be the currency uv the fucher.

"Now, don't yoo see, Bascom, that ef I hed twict ez much money I cood drink twict ez much whisky, and pay for it?"

"How much is twice nothin?" wuz the onfeelin anser uv the tyrant who holds the destinies uv the Corners in his hands. "That's wat yoor capitle hez bin ever sence I hev knowd yoo."

"Parson," sed he, "I don't see what earthly difference it's goin to make whether silver is currency or anything else. How are yoo a goin to git silver ef it is made legle-tender? Ef silver wuz ez plenty ez bricks, wat hev yoo got to git any uv it with?"

"Troo, G. W.," wuz my anser; "but can't yoo see that to hev silver wood releeve the dettor class? Even now, afore it is legle-tender, it's only wuth 92 cents on the dollar, and when the country is floodid with it, it will go still lower. Then we—or rather sich uv us ez hev property to raise money on—kin pay off—"

"Eggsackly so," retorts Bascom; "yoo kin pay me for the good honist likker uv mine, wich yoo hev consoomed, in coin wich is less than the dollar yoo promised. All rite. But look here—come in here, all uv yoo. I want yoo silver men to know exactly wat yoo are rushin into."

And this feend led us into the back room—that back-room wich contanes the subsistence uv the corners. There in long rows wuz Bascom's stock. There in barrils, piled one on top uv another, wuz the delishus whisky uv Looisville, uv different ages, rangin from that uv two weeks old to that wich hed jist left the still, and was scarcely cold yit. There it lay, and ez my eye ranged affeckshunately over it, I felt ef I cood hev

the drinkin uv all that likker I wood be content to lay down and die when the last drop wuz gone.

Bascom pinted to an immense tank wich he hed erectid, within a few days, with a pipe running in from the roof.

"I shant raise the price uv likker, in consekence uv bein paid for it in a depreshiated currency!"

I fell on Bascom's neck, in an extacy uv delite, while the others shoutid "'Rah for Bascom!"

"G. W.," I remarkt while teers suffoosed my eyes, "I never placed yoo much below the angels, but this generus act has histid yoo a hundred per cent. in my estimashun. Bless yoo, G. W., bless yoo."

"But I'll tell yoo wat I shel do. Do yoo see that tank?" sed he.

"May I ask wat that is for?" I sed.

"That tank will fill with rane-water," sed he. "The moment yoo git to payin me in silver, I shel take out uv eech uv them barrils jist eggsackly three and one-fifth gallons uv likker, and fill it with water."

"Merciful heving!" We all exclaimed, and yoor likker so week now!"

"And when silver gits down to seventy-five per cent. I will take out one-fourth uv the whiskey and fill her up with twenty-five per cent. uv water. And so on down. Ef silver goes up I shel add whiskey eggsackly in proporshen. In short my whiskey is jist agoin to foller currency, and nothin shorter. Yoo fellers wich work for wagis may swet, but I won't."

"But yoo'l increase the size uv yoor glasses?" sed I.

"Not any. But yoo may drink twice ez many times to git the same amount uv drunk ez before, by payin for eech drink."

And Bascom stalked hawtily back, and took his posishen behind his bar.

Ther wuz consternashun in the Corners sich ez I hev never seen. Ther wuz a hurried consultashen at the Deekin's house and I sejested that we emancipate ourselves from the dominyun uv this tyrant by startin a grosery uv our own, on the joint stock principle, wich wuz agreed to, eech man agreein to contribbit ten dollars to the capitle stock wich wood be enuff to buy a barl or two, for a beginnin.

We wuz enthoosiastic till we come to ballotin for the man to keep the place, when it wuz found instid uv my bein chosen yoonanimusly, ez I eggspected to be, that every man hed votid for hisself. Ez not a soul uv em would recede, the skeem wuz blocked rite there, and finelly hed to be abandoned, and we went back to Bascom's and submitted. That tyrant hez us.

Uv course we can't stand likker dilootid in that manner. We are willin enuff to diloot the currency with wich we pay for likker, but we want our likker full strength. We coodent help it, but that nite we signed and sent to our Representative a remonstrance agin the Silver Bill. The Corners is now for a honest currency. Wood, O wood, that we hed some uv it!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY ON THE MONEY QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 23, 1878.

The silver bill don't amount to a soo markee for the Corners. In the first place Bascom hez alreddy put up the price uv likker to correspond

with the depreshiashun uv silver, so there ain't nothin made in that direckshun.

When it comes to payin debts with greater eeze it doesent help us a particle, for we never intend to pay em at all. We hev a shorter method uv deelin with bloated bondholders.

But ez we want to pay, we must be furnisht with suthin to pay in. Silver ain't agoin to do it, for how kin we git the silver? Ef our notes wood git silver, and other people wood take that silver at any discount, then it wood anser, for ef ther is any one thing that a Cross-Roader delites in, it is givin his note. We wood even go so fur ez to sekoor em by endorsement. I wood endorse Deekin Pogram's paper and he wood endorse mine, and we wood all endorse for each other, ef it wood soothe the minds uv the lenders and make em any more contented. Repudiashun is jist ez easy and vastly more comprehensiv and all-embracin in its effex than any sich parshel releef ez debasin the currency. Ef they hev morgages and see fit to foreclose, let em. A dozen men with shotguns kin easily hold the minyuns uv the law at bay, and by the time a dozen or more uv the graspin oppressors hev the tops uv there heads blowd off, they will begin to remember that the debtor class hev rites that will hev to be respectid.

But there ain't no yoose uv talkin uv this. The public lack confidence in us. I don't suppose I cood go to any uv the money centres uv the world and borrow a hundred thousand dollars on my own name, with the endorsement uv the Deekin. I never cood find any one more confidin than to lend me $8.32 at one vencher.

Wat we want is a money that we kin git hold uv—that everybody kin git all he wants uv. Ef my sejestion uv makin leather dollars is rejectid by a unwise generashun wich don't recognize their benefactors, why then let us hev suthin wich is at once substanshel and kin be made plenty. My plan is this:

Give every corporashen the rite to ishoo jist ez much money ez it wants to, based upon the faith uv the corporashen wich ishoos it. For instance, the corporashen uv Confedrit X Roads ishoos its scrip to jist sich an amount ez it chooses, and distribits it pro rata among its citizens. That scrip shel be legle tender for everything, and any one refoosin to take it shel be immejitly taken out and hung. Some sich legislashen ez that wood be necessary to inspire confidence.

The effeck wood be miraculous. Then we wood all hev money, and cood pay the bloatid bondholders without trouble. We shood hev money with wich to stimulate enterprise and give the spirit uv progress wich belongs to the Amerikin character full scope to run and be glorified. Then we cood bild railroads, and factries and distilleries, and go on in a way that wood astonish the effete governments uv the Old World. Then wood there come a period uv prosperity onto us that wood make up for the depreshn uv the last four yeers, and things wood be smooth agin.

This is better than the Silver bill, or anything that I know uv. Moonissipal bankin is the remedy for our finanshel woes, and it is the only thing that will save us. Let the friends uv silver abandon their skeem and come to the support uv mine. Silver is only a parshel relief—my idea is complete. With sich money I cood pay off Bascom and hev enuff to live on to the last day uv my life.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY WANTS SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 2, 1878.

The Silver Bill is passed but the Corners hezn't ez yit experienced the relief that it expected. Bascom sed promptly that he wuz a law abidin citizen, and shood take silver. Uv course he hed watered his whiskey to meet the depreshiatid currency he wuz to be paid in, but he felt tolerable well after all. Silver wuz better th n nothin, and he felt that times cood not but help improve with silver made a legle-tender.

"Gentlemen," he sed, "Silver is now money and I shell take it. Come up with yoor silver and wipe off yoor indebtednis, or yoo git nothin more at this bar!"

Wat wuz we to do? We didn't none uv us hev any silver any more than we hed green-bax. We coodent any uv us pay, and the people are murmurin. All that we hev got out uv it so fur, is a depreshiated article uv likker, wich, ef our promises is good for any thing, gives Bascom just that much more profit. The dettor class ain't profitid at all, for it can't git no silver to pay with.

Ef the government hez any mercy onto us at all, and ef it hez loads uv silver to-wunst, to be distribbitid pro-rata among the citizens, that wood give us releef. Onless the government does this the silver bill is a mockery, a deloosion and a snare. Uv wat good is it to say to me, "you kin pay off your debts at a discount with silver?" when I hain't got no silver and can't git it? Ef I hed any sekoorities to put up, I cood pay my debts in paper money or gold; for the collaterals I kin borry all I want uv that now.

To give us the releef we want, either the government hez got to supply us silver, or let me carry out my projeck uv munissipal bankin. Either will do. But to leave it where it is, is holler mockery; it's givin us a stun when we asked for bread. It's givin us hope uv suthin when the relizashun uv it is ez fur from us ez ever. Wat good ez it to me to make silver legle-tender, onless you pervide me with silver to tender? I ain't got no silver, and can't see how I am to git any. I want either a car-load uv silver distribbitid in the Corners, or I want onlimitid munisippal bankin. One or the other is necessary to meet the wants uv men like myself, for wich all finanshel projecks are made. Men who hev the faculty uv workin, and to whom likker at statid and rapid intervals ain't a necessity, manage to git along without finanseerin. Ef they are a goin to finanseer for me, I want em to do suthin practicle.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

DECORATION DAY AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
May 31, 1878.

Yesterday wuz a glorious day for the Corners. The Corners hez recovered from the depreshn uv the past ten yeers and is wunst more feelin its oats. The Corners hez been sullenly a layin down under ablishn rool and refoozed to be comfortid. The Corners hez hed no ambishn—no keer for anything, for so long ez she wuz crushed by the fell sperit uv radikelism all she cood do wuz to clank her chanes between drinks and let the country go to rooin.

But things hev changed. The Co'ners hain't got no chanes; and ef wat is doin now succeeds will hev offises enuff to pay for drinks for herself.

We found we hed sperit enuff left to decorate the graves uv our fallen heroes—the Confedrit heroes uv course. Joe Bigler, Pollock and the niggers over at Libertyville, hed arranged to decorate the graves uv the Federl soljers, and hed fixed up the front uv Pollock's store, by hevin put up a portrate uv Linkin with flowers about it, but as Bigler hed to go Looisville, we had no hesitashen in tearin down the likenis uv the goriller, and notifying uv em not to go on in that direckshen, and ez they hedn't anybody to leed em they didn't decorate.

But we did. We went and strewed flowers over the graves uv our slane heroes, and I delivered the orashen. It wuz a good one, and wuz loudly cheered, espeshly the sentences wich referred to the immediate possibility uv my gittin the postoffis. I never saw sich tetchin affeckshun. "I will get the $4.50 yoo owe me!" sed wun. "Yoo will pay me for that last pare of boots!" sed another, and almost every man in the assemblage testified to his interest in me.

I remarked that it wuz about ez plane ez anything could be that the heroes we wuz standing over hed not died in vane. (They wuz mostly at Fort Piller.) They hed died that a Government by white men, of white men, and for white men, should not perish from the face uv the earth, and it wuzn't agoin to. Troo, they didn't succeed to any alarmin extent in the field, but that made no difference, we wuz whipt there, but what we didn't git by arms we hed won by statesmanship. Conkered at Vicksburg, we are conkerers at Washington. These men hed not died in vane. They hed taught the South the important lesson that while it is yooselis to attack the North in the field, the South kin still govern so long ez there is a Northern Dimocrat wich wants a Postoffice. The hed taught also the folly uv attemptin to destroy the Government. Why destroy that wich yoo kin own? Ez a war-like help, the Northern Dimocrat wuz uv no value; to count one in Congris he is invaluable.

Hev these men died in vane? Look at their comrades in Washington. Where are they? Is there a Fedrel soljer appinted to any place in the House? Does a Confedrit hold down his head now in the Capitol uv our country?

Did they die in vane? Look at the appropriashen bills now before the House. Look at the long list uv subsidies uv wich the share that will come to the Corners will be enuff to keep us in likker for ten years. ("We wish more hed fallen!" from a dozen voices.) And what hez bin perposed will be a mere drop in the bucket when Potter hists the great fraud Hayes, and that gileliss patriot, Tilden, takes his place. With a Democratic House and a Democratic President, it will be queer ef we cannot sedoose enuff carpet-bag Southern Republikin Senators to give us a majority there.

And then! My sole expands ez I think uv it. Our soljers will be penshund! The gray will stand beside the bloo, and we shell be on a common level henceforth. We shell make our penshuns date back to the close uv the war, wich will give a middle-aged Southern man enuff to live on comfortable all the rest uv his days, with a competency for his children. And when yoo consider that we, wich git all this money, don't pay none uv the taxes, the gorgeousnis uv the prospeck kin be appreshiated.

Will the nigger vote then? Will he be permitted to live on the land wich he wrestid from us and wich he hez since fenced, and bilt cabins on,

ready for our occupancy? My friends, never agin doubt the control yoo hev. So long ez there is Irish in Noo York, and distilleries runnin twelve hours a day, there will be a Democratic party. And so long ez there is a Democratic party, yoo kin bet yoor bottom dollar that the South will control it, and control it jest ez she yoosed to. Our misforchoons hev bin turned into advantages, and halleloojy, our sun is now shinin.

In the evenin we held the yoosual meetin, and passed the yoosual resolooshens. We demandid our full share uv the appropriashens for internel improvements, and also the penshunin uv Confedrit soljers. We expressed our desire to be just by not demandin that the fedrel soljer be left out in the cold, for we conceded that he mite hev thought he wuz rite in makin war upon us.

A tetchin insident okkurred. A fedrel soljer who lives neer Libertyville asked to be allowed to say a word. He hed gone into the war from Illinoy, and hed fought as well as he cood for wat he supposed wuz the preservashen uv the yoonyun. He hed bin at Washinton, and had heerd speeches and seen things. He coodent quite make it out, but it seemed to him that the time had come for a Northern soljer to make some kind uv an apology for wat he did doorin the war, and he wuz here for that purpus. He hoped the gallant Southerners wood be generous to him, and not make it impossible for him to live in the South, for he preferred the climit. But, uv course, watever they wantid he shood do. Anyhow, he tendered his apology for hevin served under Sherman, and would swear he never wood do it agin, no matter how loudly his country called.

We acceptid his apology, for he made it meekly enuff. He sed ef the leedin Republikins wuz willin to act ez ef they wuz ashamed uv bein wat yoosed to be called loyal, he didn't see no reason why he, a lowly indivijile, shood stand up for it. He cood stand it ef they cood.

I am goin to Washington to help out Potter. I hev a man here wich will swear to anything ef you will only let him know wat yoo want, and ef he breaks down I shall come to the stand myself. We want, and will hev, Tilden and Reform President. I ken never forgit the $400 he paid me for my vote in the St. Loois Convenshun, and though it wasn't ez much ez it shood hev bin, I shel not go back onto him He bought the offis and paid for it, and shel hev it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Certain to be Postmaster.

THE COMMUNE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
July 1, 1878.

The finanshel condisn uv the Corners is and hez bin terrible sence the tyrant Linkin emansipated our niggers, and the tother tyrant Grant refoozed us the control of the fedrel patronage. The people saw that gradually the entire wealth uv the Corners wuz centerin in the hands uv the bloatid monopolists, Bascom and Pollock. Bascom wuz gradooally absorbin all the capitle uv the Dimocrisy, for he delt in the goods they yoose, and our march to beggary was stiddy and inexorable. We coodent work, becoz the native white Kentuckian iz averse to work, and likker he must hev. We kin git on with a very little bread, but likker is a prime necessity, and there is no escape from it. And so, ez we wuz perdoosin nothin, and must live, Bascom hed got mortgages on to all our property, and he wuz gradooally absorbin every-

thing uv valoo. How to prevent this hez bin the problem wich we hev discussed between drinks, for yeers. And lately, ez Bascom hez abandoned the credit system, and insists upon cash jist before takin a drink to prevent mistakes and misunderstandins, we hev hed plenty uv time to discuss these pints.

The Communists uv Noo York solved the problem for us. The idee uv dividin up all the property ekally, and abolishin at one sweep both the creditor and the debtor class, uv hevin everybody share ekelly not only all the property, but the gains uv biznis, struck us ez precisely wat we wantid, and we determined to karry it into effect.

Deekin Pogram objectid at first, for he sed he didn't quite see why he shood give up his farm; but I showd him ez Bascom held a mortgage onto it for more than it wuz wuth, that it wood, under the present nefarious and oppressive system, inevitably pass into his hands in a few short months, it woodent make any difference anyhow. He consented, ez did Issaker Gavitt, whose mortgage falls due in a month, and so did Capt. M'Pelter, wich hez recently borrowed a large sum uv a Noo England inshoorence company.

Bascom objectid and Pollock objectid, and we felt it nessary to yoose force. We organized, and after resolvin that capital wuz robbery and whoever posesed more wealth than any one else wuz a thief, we moved onto Bascom and Pollock. Me and Issaker Gavitt and Deekin Pogram wuz appintid a committee to divide the property up ekitably.

It wuz a very simple process. There wuz exactly four hundred present wich we considered entitled to dividends, and all we hed to do wuz to inventory their goods, and divide em up. And we did it.

Bascom hed on hand eggsackly two barls uv likker, beside wat wuz in the bottles on the bar, wich the comittee consomed to support 'em doorin the division. This wuz eighty-four gallons uv likker, to be divided into four hundred. In two barls there's about six hundred and seventy-two pints, wich made a trifle over a pint and a half to each Communist. We divided it up, eech man gittin his pint and a half, wich wuz promptly drunk on the spot. For an hour after the last drop disappeared the citizens wuz enthusiastic over the idee and Communism wuz votid a great success.

At Pollock's we hed more trouble. He hed about four hundred yards uv calico on hand, wich we divided up givin eech man a yard. There wuz only two hundred pares uv shoes so eech one only got one shoe apiece. The sugar and molasses didn't do em very much good, ez it wuz wastid largely in drawin. The woolen goods wuz divided up like the calicos, and give em about a yard apeece. The agricultooral implements we divided up by raffle, ez ther wuzn't plows enuff to go around, and we coodent divide a plow.

We got Bascom and Pollock communed in about an hour, and the Corners postponed dividin up the real estate till mornin.

The citizens met at Bascom's early in the mornin to finish. The Dekin called upon Bascom to set em up, ez he hed sold a plow wich he had won at the division uv Pollock's property, to a nigger farmer for four dollars, and he triumphantly showed the money so that Bascom shood hev no hesitashen in settin uv it out.

"How kin set out likker," answered G. W., "when I ain't got none? Yoo divided it up yesterdy afternoon."

"But yoo wuz agoin to hev a fresh lot in from Looisville, last night," returned the Deekin.

"I wuz," replied Bascom, "but I countermandid the order. I shan't keep no more likker in the Corners, till yoo git some settled noshuns uv finance. I don't like this dividin biznis. Yoo hed better turn around and find some one who didn't drink his pint and a half, and make him divide with them ez did consoom ther share. I don't see how yoo kin stop this noshun, after it's once startid."

That wuz hopelis. Every mother's son uv em hed drank his share on the spot, and ther wuzn't a drop to be hed for love or money. And ther wuz four hundred men, all uv em waitin for their mornin starter, and not a drop to be hed. And ther sot Bascom, the only man wich cood furnish it to us, smilin at our agony, ez calm ez a summer mornin. And when he pulled a pint flask from his pockit, and took his drink with the remark that he hed bin prudent enuff to save that, it stung us to madnis.

Finelly Bascom sed that the likker that he hed ordered wuz reely in the Corners, but that he hed conceeled it till he cood know suthin uv wat wuz to happen to him. And we compermised. We agreed to return to the old ways—to compensate him for the likker we hed consoomed the nite afore, and to postpone the regenrashun uv the world, at leest six months, and to give him a month's notis afore we commenst agin. On these condishns he rolled in a barl, and the Corners wuz irrigatid.

We are gittin on very well now, by tradin what we commooned from Pollock to Bascom for likker. The yard pieces uv calico and woollen he takes for likker and sells em in Louisville to cheep clothin men for vest patterns, and the other goods he takes at a fair valyooashen. Bascom ain't hard to deel with ef yoo hev got anything with wich to pay him.

I don't know how a commoonity fixed ez we are kin hev communism in its purity. We are in the iron grasp uv capital, and don't apeer to be able to git out uv it. Ef we cood divide Bascom up, and then the minnit wat we took uv him wuz gone, hev another man come in with a stock to divide up, and so on, ad infinitum, it wood work, but deelers in nessaries, as the Deekin remarks, is sordid, and when they diskiver the kind uv a markit the Corners wuz he wuz afeerd they wood be too selfish to come in any great numbers. While we uv the Corners wuz edjucatid up to the great prinsiples uv communism, he didn't bleeve them ez hed goods wuz.

And so ez the idea wuz a faleyoor, we are wunst more in the grasp uv Bascom and his capital. He hez means and can dictate to us wich hevn't. And ez we hevn't any nigger laber we perdoose nothin, and ez we are constitooshenally opposed to laber, we are likely to remain in thraldom. It's a cold world, and will be till the Government pays us for losses doorin the war. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Communist, in theory.

MR. NASBY BECOMES A COMMUNIST.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jooly 16, 1878.

Despite our recent disastrous failyoor to become Commoonists, we determined to try it again. Ez there ain't nothing in our hands, ez Bascom and Pollock hev everything that is uv valyoo, in this vicinity, we coodent see where we shood lose anything anyhow, by insistin onto a fair divide with a view uv takin a noo start. After all, commoonism is the proper

noshun. Wat diffrence does it make to me that Pollock works and I don't? Am I to blame for not liking to work? I am ez nacher made me, and I must live. There he is ez he is, and he can't git anything more than a livin out uv it. Therefore it is his dooty to accoomoolate enuff for hisself and me, and ef he refooses to do it, it is my dooty, ez a citizen, to compel him.

Issaker, M'Pelter, the Deekin and myself thought the matter all over and determined to stand no more nonsense from them fellows, but to take with the strong hand, all that wich they hed so long defrooded us uv. We determined to rise in our mite, and wrest from them despoilers the property they hed contrived to filch from us. And every man uv us rolled over and got up, and called a labor meetin.

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I wuz makin the speech uv the nite. It wuz a gorgeous effort. I wuz in the middle of it. I wuz showin that all property wuz robbery, and that in a troo republic one man shoodent hev any more than another man. I wuz demonstratin the absurdity uv permittin one man to hev hoardid up that wich he coodent yoose, when others, made in the same image, wuz a hungerin and a thirstin. I wuz demonstratin the necessity uv a ekal division uv all property, real and personal, with laws perhibitin accoomoolashen, by hevin a divishen every Fourth of Jooly, when a boy entered the meetin-house, with a telegram for me. It wuz breef, and to the pint:—

Saint's Rest, Noo Jersey, July 15.

Petroleum V. Nasby, Confedrit X Roads, Ky.:

Yoor aunt Mehitable died yisterday, and made yoo her heir. The estate is wuth suthin over $40,000. Write how yoo want it.

SMITH & SLOCUM, Attorneys.

I seed a lite. To-wunst my feelings experienced a revulsion. I hed a sudden change uv hart. I felt a horror at the levelin doctrines uv commoonism. The idea uv dividin up property become to me to-wunst the most repulsive thing in the world. $40,000 is $4,000 a yeer—and four thousand a yeer means comfort and elegance for me. Wat good wood it do to divide it up? and beside I found a doubt ez to whether a man wuz ever entitled to anything more than he really amasses by honest industry, or—possibly inherits. I can't see that it is wrong to live by the honest sweat uv an aunt's eye-brow. At all events, declined to go on with my speech, and Joe Bigler insisted that I shood. I refoozed and deklined to give any reason for it, and denounced em all as a set of agrarian levelers. I denounst Commoonism ez robbery, and insisted that every man hed an indefeesible rite to wat wuz his'n, and that nothin cood indoose me to join my forchoons to a principle so utterly repugnant to the idee uv civilizashun.

Then Joe Bigler and Pollock, follered by the enraged citizens, pounced upon me, and Joseph tore from my grasp the telegram, and red it to the populis. It wuz enuff. A party uv em wantid to tear me lim from lim, for wat they wuz pleesed to call my base desershun uv a great coz, but the counsils uv the older and wiser prevailed.

"Let him up," sed the good Deekin Pogram. "Let him up, he hez money and Commoonism shel be enforced all the same. We will borrer uv him, wich will be the same ez tho he made a divvy all to wunst."

And so I wuz releesed, and went my way, feelin considrably elatid. No more work for me. Henceforth my days wuz to be pleasure and my nites delites. With $40,000 I cood snap my fingers at the world and live ez I choose.

Bascom hed lent me the money to perceed to-wunst to Saint's Rest to secoor my patermony, and I hed borrered a pare uv boots uv the Deekin, and an extra shirt uv Issaker. All wuz in readiness, and the mule wuz at Bascom's door, when the dred intelligence reeched me that ther wuzn't nothin in it. It hed all bin put up by Bigler and Pollock to see ef I wood change on the very platform. They hed writ the dispatch and sent it, and hired the mail boy to hand it to me. Bascom pounced onto me for the money he hed lent me, and Issaker and the Deekin wantid their property. I wuz stript on the spot and left helpless.

There isn't any humanity in man. I shel be a Commoonist yit, and a bloody one. It is gettin to be a question uv livin.

It wuz crooel in them fellows to deceive me so, tho' after all I hev no reeson to complane. Bascom, to consiliate a man uv so much capitle, kept me full all nite.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., Conservative at present.

MR. NASBY DEVELOPS A NEW FINANCIAL SCHEME.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jooly 29, 1878.

Yesterday I wuz perplexed. I hed bin argooin with my yoosual ability in favor uv an onlimited ishoo uv greenbacks with a view uv makin money easier, and givin every man wich wantid it all he wantid, when Issaker Gavitt staggered me askin wat good that wuz a goin to do him?

"Yoo promised us," sed Issaker, "money in plenty when we got the silver bill passed, but I never got hold uv a dollar uv it, onless I earned it, and that I cood do before silver wuz made legle-tender. There's money enuff now for it, but that ain't wat finanseerin is for. Wat I want is money that I don't work for—money furnisht by a paternal government, as it were, money that comes uv itself, you see. Don't talk to me ontil yoo kin come in that shape."

I laid awake a whole nite ponderin this subjick. I saw to-wunst the force uv Issaker's objeckshun, and I felt that suthin must be done to solve this problem.

At precisely three o'clock in the mornin I hit it. It come to me as a revelashen, and I went to sleep, satisfied that I hed solved the problem uv finance.

This is my idee. Money wuz plenty doorin the late onpleasantness becoz the Goverment wuz a borryin uv evrybody. It was plentyer in the Confedracy than it wuz in the Fedrel States becoz the Confedracy wuz the biggest borryer. The Northern farmer wich hed a hoss that afore the war, owin to its being blind and spavined, wuz wuth $50, found that hoss wuth $300 doorin the war becoz the Government hed to hev it, and hed nothin but its greenbax to pay fur it in. Hence the honest farmer divvyed with the honest contractor, and ther wuz $300 put afloat, wich wuz a good thing for the groseries and the photograffers. The wife uv that farmer never stopped till she hed a cake uv French toilet sope and a silk dress and her photograff, and the farmer hisself put on broadcloth and fine linen, and bot a trottin sulky. Them wuz prosperus days.

We can't, uv course, hev another war to git our new ishoo into serkelashen, but we kin hev wat will do jist ez well. We kin hev internel improvemence. We kin complete all the kanals and raleroads that ever wuz commenst, and we kin kommense jist ez many more ez we choose. For instance, the Cross Rodes wants:—

The slack-watrin uv Nigger Run to make it available for side-wheel steamers at all seasons uv the year.

The compleeshen uv the Secessionville Raleroad, to lower the frate on likker from Looisville.

The compleshen uv the pike to Boregard, to cut off the trade uv Libertyville.

The establishment uv an arsenal at the Corners, and also a nashnel military academy.

The immejit bildin uv a branch connectin the Corners with the Southern Pacific road.

The establishment here uv a nashnel observatory, to observe eclipses and diskivver planets and sich, without wich there can't be prosperity.

The bildin uv a plank-road over Davis's Hills, with a swing bridge over Nigger Run.

These improvements, all demanded by the general good, will cost not less than three millions uv dollars, all uv wich wood be divided among the honest prodoosers uv the Corners and the honest contractors, uv wich I shood be one.

Thus the money wood git into circulation, and thus it wood go a long way toward restorin prosperity. Ez every other locality in the country wood want an ekal amount, there cood be at least a thousand million put afloat to begin with, wich cood be added to from time to time, ez we needed it.

"But it wood all hev to be paid agin?" objectid Bascom, wich hevin suthin is alluz objectin to finansheel skeems for betterin the times.

"Never," sed I, "never. This money ain't never to be redeemed. It will go on and on forever. When a bill gits old, yoo kin go and exchange it for a new one, and that for another new one. The people will be obleeged to take it, for it will be legle tender, and it can't help makin money plenty, wich is wat we want now. Pay! never! Ef we are a goin to pay we mite be benefitted for a time, but it wood be but temprary. We want permanent finanshel releef, suthin that will last. A unlimited isshoo uv money and a libral system uv internal improvements to git it into circkelashen is wat we want now.

Issaker wuz satisfied, and to-morrow nite we meet to organize the "Onlimitid Ishoo and Internal Improvement League uv the Cross-Roads."

Our rallyin cry will be, "Our capasity for spendin money must be ekal to our capasity for perdoosin it, and both must be onlimitid." We shel hev good times at the Corners ez soon ez the Nationals carry a Congress, and kin git to work. I hev developed the skeem for em.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

THE CAUSE OF THE HARD TIMES.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
August 19, 1878.

Ez Congrisman Hewitt called afore him sich uv the labrin men and others uv Noo York to git ther vews ez to the coz uv the finanshel depreshen uv the country and the remedy therefor, it okkurred to me that the case cood not go to the country complete onless the Corners wuz heerd from. Ther is more finanshel talent layin around loose about Bascom's, probably, than kin be found on any other square mile in the country, tho there is a great deel uv finanshel wisdom eloosidated, between

drinks, most everywhere. When yoo want to know eggsackly how to pay the nashnel debt, yoo want to find a man wich cood never meet his own obligashens. He knows how it is hisself, for he has wrassled with finanshel problems.

I called a meetin uv the principle citizens uv the Corners, to get their noshuns ez to wat wuz necessary to hist us out uv the gulf we hed plunged into. It took some time to git em together, ez they wuz all at Bascom's samplin a barrel uv likker he hed jist reseeved, it bein Bascom's habit when he gits a new barl to give em a free taste. On sich okkashuns the ultimate salvashen uv the human race woodent fetch em away till the free drink wuz over.

They dropt in wun by wun, and I eggsamined em thoroughly. The follerin is the substance uv it:

Deekin Pogram—I consider the deprest condishn uv the country attributable entirely to a want uv money and labor. Sence the tirant Linkin abolished slavery we hevn't hed labor enuff to develop the resources, nor currency enuff to do the biznis uv the country. I hev frekently gone a month without nary a nickel in my pocket, and consekently——

By Joe Bigler—Is that a new complaint, Deekin?

Objectid to and ruled out ez irrelevant.

—Consekently wat biznis I did with Bascom hed to go on a credit basis. When Bascom goes to Louisville for more likker he hed to take my notes to pay with, wich ther bein too many uv em, the Looisville people are singlerly averse to takin. We must hev more money. The government shood ishoo——

By Joe Bigler—Deekin, ef yoor notes won't do the same ez money, owin to ther bein too many uv em, and not hevin a pertikelerly good basis, wat good wood it do for the government to ishoo jist the same kind uv money?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

The Deekin—We want more money and more occashun for money. Ther shood be an ishoo uv at leest a thousand milyuns uv money wich is never to be redeemed. It shood be distribbited per capita, and every adult citizen with an able-bodied apertite shood hev all he wants. We want more money.

By Joe Bigler—Deekin, 'sposn yoo hed gone to work in the spring and raised a crop and sold it for the money we now hev, wooden't that hev eased yoo up?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

Issaker Gavitt—Clearly uv the opinion that wat is wantid is more money. Money that wood hev to be redeemed wood be better than none, but that wood be merely temprary releef. Wat we want is an onlimited ishoo, at regler intervals, uv money wich ain't never to be redeemed, based on the faith uv the government. Ez I never pay no taxes anyhow, wood be willin to hev the revenoos pledged for its ultimit redempshun. The money mite be distribbiid ez the Deekin sejests, or got into cirkelashen by the payin uv Southern claims and pensionin Southern soljers. Every man shood, in some way, hev a just share.

By Joe Bigler—How long, Issaker, wood it be afore Bascom wood hev it all, ez he hez now?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

Capt. McGrath—The prinsiple need uv the Corners is more money; ain't pertikeler wat kind it is so that nobody ain't goin to be called upon

to redeem it, and it will buy likker. Want a law makin it, another law distribbitin it, and another compellin everybody to take it at par. Is willin to pool ishoos with anybody wich will agree to this. Am willin to tax everybody for free educashen, and wood go so fur ez to make the treasury furnish every child with school pooks and a new pare uv trousers, pervided that ishoo is pooled with this. Am also willin to redoose the hours uv labor to eight or five or four, or wood be willin to go further and hev no labor at all, pervidin money cood be made plenty enuff. Is willin to strike hands with Dennis Kearney, or Gen. Butler hisself, to hev money made plenty enuff. This is the prinsiple ishoo to be pooled.

Abner Pettus—Ain't quite clear ez to wat "fiat" money is, but is in favor uv it if it lessens the hours uv labor and makes it easier to git. Wants more money and more time to improve his mind; wuz compelled to leave a game uv seven-up yesterday at Bascom's when he hed only one to go, and wuz certin uv turnin jack, to split oven-wood for his wife, wich, in a proper condishn uv society, he wood hev hed a nigger do. Then the iron entered his sole and he despared uv the republic. Bleeves in an unlimited ishoo uv money that he may be shoor uv a proper reward for his laber.

By Joe Bigler—Abner, how many days' work hev yoo done doorin the yeer jist past?

Objectid to and rooled out ez irrelevant.

At this pint the investigashen ceased. Joe Bigler wantid to know suthin about the yield uv wheat to the acre, how much wuz put in about the Corners, and where it wuz markitid, and the price it fetched, but we choked him off, holdin that his questions wuz irrelevant. He laffed and went away, sayin that he cood show the Corners how to git wat money it needed without any noo ishoos. He made some allooshuns to the propriety uv goin to work, and spendin half ez much for bred and cloze ez we did for likker, and a lot uv sich demoralizin remarks, wich the Corners never did and never will stand.

We are a yoonit on fiat money, and I shel forrerd these questions and ansers to Mr. Hewitt, that they may be incorporated in his report.

The Corners is determined to hev more money. The citizens set every day till late at nite in Bascom's, discussin this pint, and we hev evolved a grate deal uv finanshel wisdom. We hev no money and no means to go on with. The bloatid Bascom has got us, and we must hev money to swamp him with. Ontil we hev the means to purchis supplies we are helplis, and how are we to git the means till the government comes to our releef? It is the question uv the hour. We want the Suthrin clames paid, and the government must make the money to pay them with. The government should be to us father, mother and aunt in the country. The government cannot do too much, nor the individual too little. I want a government that will struggle for me. Let us hev such a government and the Corners will be herself agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY ORGANIZES A NATIONAL LODGE.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
September 1, 1878.

I felt it incumbent onto me to go to Factryville, a village hard-by, and establish a lodge uv Nashnels, uv the Kearney kind. Factryville wuz established by a company uv Massachoosits disturbers, wich invaded the sacred soil for the purpus uv manufactrin iron wich is found there in great quantities, and they hev a mill into wich about a hundred men hev bin employèd. The price uv iron bevin gone down, these graspin monopolists hed the ashoorence to ask ther sufferin labrers to redoose their wages, givin the frivolous pretext that ez the price uv livin hed gone down also they cood afford to work for a little less. Ez most of the men owned their own houses, wich they hed saved, and wuz comfortably fixed, they coodent git away, and hed to endoor the ojus exacshuns uv the grindin capitalists. And ez collecksh uns wuz difficult, and they didn't git their wagis with the regularity uv former yeers, they murmured some, wich I felt it my dooty to improve. They needed a leeder, for none uv em knew how much they wuz sufferin till I went and told em.

I hed a tolerable easy time uv it. I made em two speeches in wich I showed em they wuz groanin under a tyranny compared with wich the sufferins uv the Rooshun serf wuz nothin, and that they wood never hev ther own till they organized and crushed their oppressors. I showed em that wat they wantid wuz to crush out capital, and be theirselves their own roolers. It wuzn't hard to do, and the sekond nite I organized a seckshun.

The ritooal I writ myself, basin it on Kearney's idee. It wuz very breef, and run suthin like this:

"Hath the brother wrongs?"

"He hath."

"Doth the brother brood?"

"He doth."

"Is he a successful brooder?"

"He is."

"Doth the brother look forward to the time when he will hev his iron heel on the necks uv his oppressors, and will hev the lecherous employer by the throat?"

"He doth."

"Doth the brother understand the yoose uv a box uv matches?"

"He doth."

"Is the brother willin, in this holy croosade uv labor agin capital, to buy his own matches, or is he so craven-spirited ez to ask the order to furnish them?"

"He will buy his own."

"Hath the wronged brother two dollars and a half in his trowsers to help the coz, by supportin the agitator?"

The wronged brother at this stage prodoosed the money, wich I took to strengthen the coz, and then perceeded with the latter. I remarkt that he wuz a grovlin slave, and that by layin still he wuz addin to his bonds. Wat he wantid to do wuz to rise. He wanted to demand an ekal divishun uv property, and ef this reasonable demand wuzn't acceded to, he wantid to destroy wat property ther wuz. He wantid to demand an onlimitid

shoo uv money to be dividid in some way so that he wood git all that he wantid, and that the hours uv labor shood be fixed by law, and the wages also. He shood demand sich legislashen ez wood let him live in absloot luxury, no matter wat he wuz. The more incompetent or averse to labor he wuz the greater the dooty uv the Goverment to see that he didn't want for anything. Ef after he hed riz and these demands wuzn't grantid then the matches shood come in.

I inishiated the entire force uv the factry, and the next mornin they marched in a body to the mill and demandid their heaven-given rites. The bloated employers tried to reason with em, and tried to show em that they wuz payin all that they cood afford to, in the present deprest condishn uv things, and that they wuz gittin now ez much ez they wuz before, when the cost uv livin wuz taken into account. They hed the impudence to tell em that ef they hed to accede to ther demands that they wood hev to shet up the mills, and one uv em told the men that ef they wood assoom the mortgages, ez well ez the biznis, he wood be perfeckly willin to relinquish it then and there.

The workmen would hev yeelded, but I have made em a speech, wich whooped it up agin. They became infooriated and moved on the works. In less than a minit, they had guttid it, in five minits it wuz in flames, and in a half hour it wuz in ashes, and the men firmly but determinedly moved off. The first battle for the rites uv man hed bin fought in Factryville, and the first victry uv labor over capital in Kentucky hed bin acheeved.

The men wuz jubilant and I congratulated em. We adjourned to the grosery and poured out libashens uv sod-corn whisky over our triumph.

Things wuz boomin' for a day or two. Finally the men begun to git sober, and went home to their families. I notist by the close uv the third day an ominus change in ther demeanor toward me.

"Is the bosses goin' to bild agin?" they asked one uv another.

"I ruther think not," wuz the anser. "The fact is, that all they hed wuz investid in them mills, and that is gone. They hain't got nothin to build with."

"The merry hell you say. Then where are we goin to git work?"

That staggered em. They loafed about in a listlis sort uv way, for a day or two, but they didn't enthuse very much. Invitashens to take suthin began to be uncomfortably infrekent, and there seemed to be a disposishun toward me that I didn't like.

"Yoo see," sed one uv em, "that we hev succeeded in getting our rites. We hev crushed capital. It is very crushed. We never saw a more complete crushin out uv capital than this is. But we can't see where we hev made anything by it, to any alarmin extent. We hev bustid capital effectooally, and hev bustid ourselves jist ez effectooally. The meat barl is low, the flour is gone, and we hain't got no work. Yoo showd us how to bust capitle,—now spose yoo kindly show us to git more, and hev it better organized."

"Hev yoo no aspirashens for a higher and better life?" I replied. "Do yoo want to continyoo to grovel at the feet uv yoor oppressors? Hev yoo no pride?"

"We hed pride," wuz the anser uv this slave, "but that vanishes. We hev stumicks wich is alluz with us. Wat yoo want to do is to git out uv this seckshun in jist three minits, or we'll ornament a tree with yoo."

I left afoot. I hed the inishiashun money in my pockit and a soot uv

cloze that I rescood from the burnin mill and absent-mindedly forgot to ask who owned em. I didn't do ez well ez Kerney, but it servd my purpus.

I shel go back tho, and see ef I can't re-organize em on the onlimitid currency noshun, and make good Nashnels uv em. There are a lot of mowin masheens in that vicinity that need burnin, and ther are a dozen or more places that strikes and sich kin be organized in. The rites uv man must be established in Kentucky.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Organizer.

THE MAINE ELECTION OF 1878.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Sept. 15, 1878.

The nooze from Maine hez reached the Corners and it hez encouraged us, both ez Nashnels and Dimocrats. It doesn't make a straw's difference to me whether we the Dimocrats hev swallered the Nashnels, or whether the Nashnels hev swallered us. There hez bin swallerin, and the Republikin party hez lost its grip. We are happy.

Es Nashnels we hev things eggsackly to soot us at the Corners, and throughout this seckshun. We hev succeeded in institootin strikes in all the manufacturin villages in the seckshun, and hev all the workinmen out uv work and in consekent distress. At Factryville ther ain't any more factry at all, for we burned it in the holy croosade uv labor agin capital. In Plainville we hev all the mechanics and laborers on a strike, wich hed the deliteful and cheerin effeck uv throwin every workin-man out uv work, haleeloogy. They hev nothin to do now but to walk about the streets day times, and lissen to our speeches nites. And we are makin it lively for the bloatid employers, yoo bet. When men are distrest they want a remedy, and they'll take most any kind uv medicine.

To support em, we hev institootid a provishnal bank, wich will do till the fiat money is ishood. It's the same thing ez "fiat" money. I am President uv it and Issaker Gavitt is Casheer. Our money is simply a slip uv paper onto wich is printid the sole-inspirin words:

This is a dollar.
"Attest: PETROLEUM V. NASBY, President.
"ISSAKER GAVITT, Cashier."

The only secoority that we felt wuz necessary wuz to pledge the sacred faith uv the Corners that it wuz a dollar.

"Wat is it to be redeemed in?" queried a shoemaker to whom I offered it for a pare uv boots, the first I hev hed for yeers.

"In nothin. It don't want to be redeemed. To redeem it wood be to destroy its life-giving principle. Any body kin ishoo money with gold behind it to redeem it—yoor troo finanseer is he wich kin make money wich don't want redeemin. All yoo hev to do with this money is to keep it movin. Yoo hump this bill onto yoor leather merchant, and he'll hump it along on somebody else, and ez long ez yoo think it's a dollar, why isn't it?"

He took it, tho it seemed to me he wuzn't convinst.

We ain't bothered with it at all, ez it ain't never to be redeemed, except that when one bill wears out, the holder kin come and git another in its stead. We mite retire a worn-out bill, but ez that wood contract the currency we don't think it the best thing to do. We want a volume uv currency afloat ekal to the demands uv trade.

There wuz some trouble, for a great many farmers didn't want to take it, and Bascom kicked somewhat. But we hed a remedy for this. The labrin populashen held a meetin and in the sacred coz uv laber agin capitle notified the people that any one wich refoozed to take the money at par wood be to-wunst hung. Under this stimulus Bascom took it, but he immejitly advanced the price uv likker to fifteen cents, and a few hours after to twenty-five.

We remonstrated with him about it, and he answered us:

"Ef there's going to be a era uv prosperity I am going to share in it. Yoo kin hev all the likker yoo want at five cents, old money, but ef I am compelled to take yoor fiat money for likker, yoo can't dictate to me the price I shel ask, for that rests with me ez a free citizen uv these Yoonitid States."

I am a just man. I acknowledged the strength uv his posishun. All I did wuz to walk over to the printin offis and order another hunderd thousand dollars struck off, and put it into cirkelashen to-wunst. Wat we want is money enuff.

The effeck on the Corners wuz instantaneous. We never hed sich a era uv prosperity. Ez every man hed all the money he wantid, work wuz generally suspendid, and the people give themselves up wholly to enjoyment. Bascom did a tremendous business, the storekeepers (all except that cuss Pollock and Joe Bigler, who not only refoozed to take the money but refoozed to be hung,) did a smashin business. Men wich never hed a dollar in ther lives hed ther pockits full, and ther is nothin but the most cheerful prospeck ahed uv us. When money kin be hed by printing it, wat is to prevent everybody hevin all they need? Nothin. I shel print a lot more to-morrow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer and Finanseer.

P. S.—There is one little speck uv trouble about our fiat money. Ther ain't no farmer puttin in any wheat for they say they don't keer about sweatin for this kind uv money. The bloatid employers at Faggyville, and Plainville, hev consentid to advance the wagis uv ther employees ef they will take our money in pay, but the mechanics swear they must be paid in Nashnel bank-notes, ef they work. And the most uv em decided they won't work at all so long ez they kin git enuff uv fiat money to live on. It's all very well now, but ther ought to be some work goin on. We must hev legislashen compellin uv em.

THE CORNERS EXPERIMENTS WITH FIAT MONEY.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Sept. 20, 1878.

The amount of prosperity the Corners is labrin under, just now, is mirackulus. Me and Issaker Gavitt hez isshoed over three hundred thousand dollars uv our fiat money, and ez I perdictid the Corners is prosperin to a degree that no one, not even myself, ez sangwin ez I am, never dreemed uv.

Issaker Gavitt and me hev quit ishooin fiat money and the Town Council hev taken it in hand, so that it shel hev an offishel look.

The money they ishoo reeds thus:

THIS IS A DOLLAR,
Sekoored by the faith of Confedrit X Roads.

These bills is signed by the Mayor and Clerk uv the corporashen, and ez they are printed in two colors with a green back, they look ez good ez any money I ever saw.

The question wuz how to git em into cirkelashen. Money ain't good for nothin onless it cirkelates, and so the Council resolved on a system uv internal improvements to git em out.

Accordingly they let the follerin contrax:

A new City Hall to cost $250,000.

Publick skool bilding to cost $10,000. (This wuz considerd extravagant, but the main pint is to git the money into cirkelashen.)

A ship canal to connect Confedrit Run with Sucker Crik. Ez ther ain't no water uv any akkount in either, a ingenious system uv artesian wells hez to be bored, and suffishent water to float a steemboat is to be pumped into em by steem engines. The estimatid cost uv this nessary improvement is one million uv dollars.

A narrer guage railroad to connect the Corners with Secessionville on the Looisville road, cost $500,000.

A plank road to Davisville, to cost $200,000.

Steam fire engines and a complete fire department to cost $50,000.

This is ez fur ez the council hez got, but other appropriations will be made for other improvements ez fast ez the money is wantid to git into cirkelashen, that being the main pint now.

The contrax wuz all let to citizens uv the Corners, mostly to members uv the Council, and they wuz all based on the price uv a drink, plane, fifty cents. The counsel hed the money printid to pay the contrakters with. Ez we didn't want to wait long before the era uv prosperity sot in, it wuz votid that eech contraker shood hev an advance uv twenty-five per cent on the amount uv his contrack, that the money mite be got into cirkelashun to wunst, and the good effex mite be felt immejitly. This wuz done, and some $500,000 wuz paid to em.

The effeck is terrific. The wages uv labrin men hez gone up to $7 a day, and it is difficult to prokoor em at that. Whiskey hez riz to 50 cents a drink without sugar, and 75 with. The groanin shoemaker wich used to git $5 for a pare uv stogy boots, is gettin $20 now, and he ain't particular about sellin even at that price. Everybody hez got all the money they want, and the Corners is baskin in the beems uv onlimitid prosperity. This fiat money is a big thing.

The only spot on our shinin sun is Bigler and Pollock. They refooze to tetch our money at all, and ez they keep goods wich we must hev its inconvenient. And then Joe goes about askin all sorts uv fool questions. He wants to know who's ever goin to redeem the money? He wants to know wat good this money is agoin to be in Looisville wher our supplies come from primarily? He wants to know who is agoin to pay the taxes for all these improvements, and how we will feel when the bubble busts and we are left with a immense debt onto our shoulders?

I answered him that he didn't know nothin about finanseerin. That the very essence uv fiat money wuz that it wuzn't never to be redeemed, that the people wuz a takin it for their goods and labor, and that they wood pay it out for more goods and labor, and that it wood keep on forever in one endlis round.

"But," sed Josef, "the contracktors hev got to hev iron and tools and things, and the laborers hev got to hev shoes and a great deel uv likker, and a little suthin to eat occassionally. It's all very well so long ez they

kin trade among themselves, but how will it be in Looisville? Will they take it there?"

That is the cloud that hangs over us. Will they take it in Looisville, where we hev to buy our goods?

We must move on the legislacher and get the State to adopt the Corners' idee, and then we must go to Congris and compel the ishooin uv fiat money by the General Government, makin it legle tender wherever the flag floats. And that it may be got into cirkelashen the General Government must be paternal, and must imitate the Corners in the matter uv internal improvements. There must be a ship canal from Chicago to Toledo, the Erie canal must be enlarged so as to pass the Great Eastern, the whole Mississippi Valley must be kivered with levees and everything else, there must be Custom Houses and Post Offices built in every city and village, and ez for raleroads, Lord bless us, they must be built from everywhere to evefywhere, and all at the expense uv the Government, for the purpus uv gittin fiat money into cirklashen in suffishent vollums to meet the requirements uv trade. Ef the bloatid bond-holders want to keep ther bonds, all rite, only they must take principle and intrest in this kind uv money. Them ez are held abroad shood be repoodiatid to-wunst, and hev done with em.

Ther are forty millyuns uv people in this kentry, and I insist that enuff public works shood be put through to give every man, woman and child in the Yoonyun at leest $2,000 uv money. A helthy war wood git it into cirkelashen faster, but I am averse to bloodshed. I am as tender in my feelins ez I am broad in my finanshel vews.

This is my finanshel noshun, but they ain't original with me. The Dimocratic and Nashnel leeders are holdin the same noshens in a modified form. They will advance to my posishun when they see how the thing works in the Corners.

I don't want no gold, nor no silver. A paper dollar is good enuff for me, so ez it will buy likker, and I kin git enuff uv it. Wat do I keer for debt, when that debt ain't never goin to be paid? Gold is an exploded idee! Ring out the old and ring in the new! We want more money and we are goin to hev it. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

P. S.—The trubble that Josef prophesied hez come already. Pelter, the shoemaker sold out his stock gaily, for fiat money, and went to Looisville to git more leather. The Looisville leather men woodent give him a bit uv leather for our money, and that is all he hez. He offered em three prices, but they declined frigidly, and he come home without a single side. He swears he has bin robbed, and he is so disloyal ez to d—n the counsil, and me, the originator uv the idee. I told him to start a tannery hisself, and be independent uv the outside world, but he wantid to know how he wuz agoin to do with fiat money? The fact is sosiety needs reorganizin. There must be some way devised to compel Looisville to take our money. Ez no fiat money is ever goin to be redeemed in gold or anything else, why ain't ourn jist ez good ez anybody's?

MR. NASBY'S LAST EXPERIMENT WITH FIAT MONEY.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Oct. 15, 1878.

The October eleckshuns aint ez satisfactory ez they mite hev bin, but they will do. We hev lost Ohio, and Iowa, but we have gobbled Injeany

and West Virginny. The grate coz uv finanshel salvashen hez not ez y passed into a triumph, but it hezn't bin killed, wich is some comfor Ther is yit room for hope. Wheat hez come down five cents a bushel i consekence uv the dismal prospeck that ther won't be no European wa and that encouragis us. The people never did ascribe the low price u perdoose to anything but the party in power, and this drop, ef it provide shelly continyoos, will make votes for us. The price uv prodoose contro a great deel more than any one hez any idee uv. I hev knowd a prov denshel potato rot to elect a Democratic member uv Congris.

Issaker Gavitt is growin daily more gloomy ez the prospex uv a giner European war diminishes.

"It's crooel," sez he, with a teer in each eye. "No war in Europe, an I've got ten hogs wich I wantid a high price fur. This world is full u disappintments. I don't suppose pork on foot will now be wuth more tha three cents a pound. Wat do them European cabinits mean?"

But this is a diversion.

I supposed that when we hed ishood our Fiat money that our troubl wuz over. I supposed that when the Common Counsel uv the Corne hed ishood a currency based upon the good faith uv the Corners, and he passed an ordinance makin it legle tender, that everything wood go alon smoothly, and that the era uv prosperity wich we hev all been lookin fo wood immejitly set in. But it don't work wuth a cuss. We hed expecti to be relieved uv our indebtednis to Pollock & Bigler, but unfortunitl them disturbers, with a foresite that is feendish, hev persistently re foozed the Dimocrisy uv the Corners credit for many yeers, so that w don't owe them anything. And Pollock remarked vishusly that ef we di owe him anything he wood ez soon take pay in fiat money ez anything el he wuz likely to git from us, ez he never expectid anything anyhow.

But we desidid to git even with him. I went into his store and aske for a pare uv boots.

"All rite," sed Pollock, "wat kind uv money do yoo perpose to pay in the glorious fiat uv the present or the despised greenback uv the past?"

"Sir!" I remarkt impressively, "I am too patriotic not to assist in gi ting our new money into cirkelashun. I shel pay in fiat, of which I he plenty, and more a comin."

"All rite," sed Pollock, perdoosin a little strip uv leather, "Them the boots."

"But they is not boots," I exclaimed. "Wat kin I do with that str uv leather?"

"Jist ez much ez I kin with yoor money. You say that piece u paper yoo hev is money—I say that piece of leather is boots. My word i I trust, ez good ez yoors."

And with a feendish laff he told Joe Bigler to keep an eye on me ar turned around sellin substanshel boots to a nigger farmer wich hed Nas nel Bank notes.

Sadly I went over to Bascom's and found there the entire Corners di cussin the finanshel sityooashen. There wuz Deekin Pogram in his o familyer chair, there wus Issaker a lyin on his back on a round table th the citizens play keerds upon when it is aroused, and Capt. M'Pelter lea in aginst the bar, all sighin at the scarsity uv money and the deprest co dishn uv industry. It wuz a site I hev seed a thousand time and it melt me. I determined to demonstrate that ther wuz one patriot that wood r speck the laws uv his native place, and accept her currency.

"Gentlemen," I sez, firmly, "step up. Bascom, set 'em up."

Bascom hed bin takin our money for some days, and hed bin to Louisville for likker. He sot out the bottle with a sardonic grin that boded us no good. We each poured out the likker, however, and placed the glasses to our respective lips. Immejitly every man spittid the likwid out upon the floor. I turned sick, for I hed uncawshusly swallered a little uv it.

It wuz Water! the first I hed tasted for years!

"Wat does this mean, sir?" I demandid feercely.

"Don't yoo like the whiskey?" wuz his anser, ez he glared feercely at me.

"Like it! Like it! Why, it's water!"

"Bless yoor sole," replied Bascom, "why don't yoo say it's whiskey? The minit you say it's whiskey it is whiskey. Yoo say the paper you want to pay me in is a dollar, jist becoz yoo say it is a dollar, and why in bloody thunder can't yoo make whiskey out uv water by jist sayin it's whiskey? Gentlemen, this is fiat whiskey, and it's the only kind I kin git with fiat money. When you git to payin in the comfortable old greenback, or the modest nickle, all rite. I'll give yoo the regler old bowel scorcher. But the likker is goin to assimilate to the money. I learned that word in Louisville. Ef yoo want to pay in fiat money yoo are goin to git fiat likker. Ef yoo kin imagine a peece uv paper with yoor stamp onto it is a dollar, you must likewise imagine this flooid to be good likker, and vice versy. Parson, this is all yoo will ever git with yoor kind uv money."

And he leened back agin his bottles with a defiant air, and we sank back terrified.

Where is the end to be? I don't know. Oh! that Butler wood carry Massychoosits, and git into power, so that his genius cood solve the problem. Ef Bascom repudiates the fiat money it is all over here.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS OF 1878.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Nov. 10, 1878.

I am entirely satisfied that I shood hev bin happier ef I had never bin born. Life is to me an unendin sucksesshun uv disasters. Occashunally ther is a gleem uv sunshine, a rift thro the clouds that envellop me, but it don't last. For sixteen long yeers I hev bin strugglin, wrasslin a back-holt with disaster, and disaster hez ginerally flopped me. I am flopped now, and am so sore with brooses that it don't seem to me that I shel ever git up agin. It is a singler thing that disaster and I hev hed so many encounters, and that the result hez ever bin the same.

I expectid great things from the November eleckshuns. I hed hoped that the Dimecratic-Greenback noshun wood prevale in the States holdin eleckshuns, so that the experiment ov Fiat money in the corners wood be strengthened to the pint uv makin it a sucksess. I hed hoped that Butler and Kearney wood carry Massachoosits, and that John Kelly wood carry Noo York. I hed hoped that the Greenbackers wood carry Mishigan, and that Pennsilvany wood add her voice to the general outcry for more money and better times.

I wantid the people in the East and in the West, by their ballots, to insist that the bloatid bondholders shood take a back seat, that money shood be simply the creashun uv whoever chose to make it, and that every

man shood hev all that he wantid. I hed hopes that the people wood pro nounce in favor uv givin everything to everybody, and do away wit labor, by makin labor onnessessary. In short, I hoped that the Fiat mone uv the Cross-Roads wood be legalized.

Wat happened? I looked to Massichusits, and behold Butler is berrie under a majority uv 40,000, and the streets don't run with blood as Kern prophesied.

I look to Pennsilvanny, and ther Dimocrisy goes under to the toon o 30,000.

I turn my eyes imploringly to Mishigan, and lo! the anser comes bac —"Republikin, 40,000."

In agony I turn to Noo York, and Conkling carries that stronghold o Democrisy by a majority wich it ain't wuth while to count up.

It is troo we carried the South, but that don't count. We kin allu carry the South ez long ez we are permitted shot-guns, but shot-gu triumphs ain't wat I wantid. It ain't a moral triumph, and a mora triumph is wat wuz needid at this time. I wantid men to vote for Fia money wich didn't do it at the muzzle uv a shot-gun.

The effeck hez bin disastrus on the prospecks uv the Corners.

Work on the Court House, Ship Canal and Raleroad hez bin suspendid It went along well enuff, for a time. The men got into a habit uv demand in an increase uv wagis every day or two, and we met ther demand librally. It didn't make a particle uv diffrence to us whether we paid a dollar a day or fifty. It cost jest ez much to print a dollar note ez i did a fifty dollar note, and ef a man felt richer with the fifty dollar note why not let him have it? The higher the wagis we paid, the richer the community wuz gittin, becoz more money wuz gittin into cirkelashen. Bu ther cum a time when we hed to hev a dozen spades, and a pick-axe, an without em the work cood not go on. The hardware deelers wood no take our money for em, and we hed no other and so for want uv te dollars' worth uv spades and pick-axes, improvements involvin millions wuz brot to a complete stoppage! Fiat money is all well enuff, but wood I hed the power to compel the people to take it whether or not. Legisla shen is wat we want, but the result uv the November elekshuns give me n hope uv that. I feel we are goin to be in the power uv the bond-holder for a time yit.

Then came more trouble. Bascom had hed an unparalleled run u biznis, and taken every dollar uv Fiat money ther wuz in the Corners. I hed bin printin it on wall-paper for a week, and the day afore eleckshun th last scrap uv it hed bin exhaustid. I scoured the village to find suthi that cood be used in printin, but ez the people never indulged to any ex tent in the luxury uv wall-paper, I coodent git any. In dispair I wen into Pollock's store, and begged him to sell me wat he hed on hand.

"Certinly," sed he, "for cash."

"I will give yoo," I sed, "exactly the money we hev, and I can't d more than that. How much hev yoo?"

"Ten bolts."

"Very good," sed I. "Now, Pollock, I will tell you wat I will do. W must hev more money, and we hev no paper to print it on. I will tak them ten bolts uv wall paper, and I will print five uv em in one dollar bill for yoo, to pay for the other five. I don't know how many yards ther is i a bolt uv wall paper, but I will spose that eech yard will make a hundre bills, and that ther is twenty yards in a bolt. Thus yoo will git two thou

sand dollars for a ten cent bolt uv wall paper. Kin yoo dispose uv yoor stock to better advantage?"

"But wat good will all these dollar bills do me?" wuz his onfeelin anser. "I coodent buy another ten bolts uv paper with a car-load uv it."

I then offered to print the five bolts up in two dollar notes, then in fives, and finally in twenties, and ez a last resort in hundreds. I showed him wat a millionaire he wood be. Five bolts uv wall paper printid up in hundred dollar bills wood make him rich, and it wuz within his reach. All he hed to do wuz to give me the other five bolts for the yoose uv the corporashen.

I shoodent hev been so liberel, but I hedn't hed a drink for four hours, and Bascom hed refoozed likker except for down payment, and hed put up the price to four times the weight uv the likker, glass and all, in five dollar notes. I wuz driven to makin any terms possible.

The monster wuz, however, inflexible. He laffed me to skorn. He refoozed the millyuns I offered him. He sed he wood sell the paper to me at ten cents a bolt, cash, or he would even give me credit for the five bolts.

This wuz a gleem uv comfort, and I eagerly accepted it. But he crushed me with these crooel words:

On credit, ef I wood give good secoority.

Secoority! Wat holler mockery! Wher cood I git secoority? And so I, with the meens uv makin milyuns in my hands; wuz redoosed to abject poverty for want uv fifty cents to buy the wall-paper onto wich to print my milyuns.

The Corners is prostratid. Bascom hez the millions we hev printed, the citizens hevn't a dollar, and we can't git no paper to perdoose more currency. Wat we shel do I hevn t tne slitest idee. Ef I cood git the Looisville paper deelers to take our money for more paper, and ef Simpson, the printer, wood go on and print it, takin his pay in kind, all wood be well. But ez we can't git any, we hev yoosed up all the paper Simpson hed, and ez he hezn't got anything to uy any more with except what the cold-hartid and mersenary paper-merchants won't take, our case is hard indeed. We are rooined, and I spose we shel hev to return to the old kinds uv money. But wat will Bascom do with the accommulashen he hez on hand? I dread to face him. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

MR. NASBY ON THE SOUTHERN ELECTIONS.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Dec. 1, 1878.

The Radikels uv the North are gittin excited over the "Solid South," and are agin commencin to persekoot us uv the former slave States, wich made a struggle for our rites, but wuz crushed out by the iron heel uv despotism under the tirent Linkin.

Wat does the North want? That's the question—wat does it demand uv us?

Suppose the South hez sent up a solid Demikratic Congressional delegashun? Suppose there ain't a mizable Radikel from any uv the Southern States in Congris? Suppose—but wat's the yoose uv supposin. Does the North know how we are fixed? Does the North know that we uv the South are livin among a people wich yoosed to furnish us with bread and butter, and Summers at Saratogy? Does the North know that the tirent Linkin emancipated them people, and put em out from under our control,

and that they are in condishn to do ez they please? Nay, more. Does the North know that them people kin vote, and hev jist ez much to say about polisies and things ez we hev?

These things shood be considered. The North shood remember that we uv the South—I meen the white men—are a sensitive people, and we hev feelins. We can't git down to the level uv a common man to wunst. We hev bin cradled in the lap uv luxury. We hev bin yoosed to hevin our work done for us, and hev bin accustomed to livin by the swet uv other people's brows. It is not to be supposed that we kin accept so radikel a change ez bein compelled to go to work ourselves, without a protest.

We make our protest in our own way.

By the result uv the war the nigger wuz given the ballot. All rite. He hez the ballot. We don't beleeve he ought to hev it, but ez the Fifteenth Amendment gives it to him, we accede. We hate the amendment, but ez it is law we yeeld. We are law-abidin citizens. And so we give to the Afrikin his rites, and lay down quietly to him. He kin vote ez much as he pleeses, and ez freely ez anybody. Kin the North ask anything more?

Still we hev our way of regulatin wat we consider evils. Here in the Cross-Roads our method is very simple.

Joe Bigler and Pollock wuz off buyin a car-load uv mules. They wuz not here on elecshun day, and consekently we wuz not in terror uv Bigler's revolver, or Pollock's tongue. We knowd they cood not get back in time to vote, or even to marshel the five hundred niggers that hev the franchise at these poles. Therefore we perposed to send up a complete and cleen Democratic offishary from this precinct, and at the same time obey the law. We respect the law.

The nigger hez the rite to vote. We understand that and respect it. But there must be limitashuns. He may vote—the law sez that—but the law don't say how he shel vote. That is for us. We determine that. We are the roolin class, and the inferior class must be guided by the superior intelleck that don't like to work. Ef we cood hev trusted the nigger we wood hev done it, but we coodent. We knowd he hed a predelecshun for radikelism, and wuz, ez a rool, opposed to appropriashuns. He cood not be trusted with the ballot without gidanse.

Wat did we do? Joe Bigler and Pollock wuz away buyin mules, and the niggers were without ther leeders. Then we orgnized. We notified em that they shood vote—that we didn't want to interfere with ther rites, but that they must vote according to our noshens. We sed to em ez follows:

"Yoo are entitled to the ballot under the laws. We don't approve uv the laws, but they iz laws and we shel respect em. Far be it from us to break laws, or in any way interfere in ther proper execooshen. You shel vote. Yoo shel exercise the rites uv citizens. Every one uv yoo who wants to vote step up. We will give yoo a Dimocratic ticket and yoo shel vote it. Ef yoo refooze to vote that ticket, we shel immediately perceed to blow the top uv yoor hed off. We want the utmost freedom uv opinyun, and the ballot box shel be inviolate, pervided yoo vote rite. We shel say wat is rite. Now don't go and complane that yoo hev bin refoosed the privileges uv an Amerikin citizen."

The niggers come down and attemptid to vote. We hed shot-guns and navy revolvers and stood at the poles. Ez they filed up, we demanded a site uv the tikkits they perposed to vote, and ef it wuz our tikkit, it went

in all rite. Ef it wuz any other tikkit, the presumpshus retch wich offered it hed the top uv his hed blowd off, immejitly, ez a warnin to the others. We coodent stay foolin about, wen our rites wuz involved.

Uv course, the result wuz a clean Dimocratic vote. Ther wuz no radikel tikkits in the box, wich shows that the South hez but one sentiment. Watever our views is, they are yoonanimus, and that is all ther is about it. Let the North look at our poll-lists, and the North will git a cleer idee ez to wat the South reely desires.

I suppose there will be a howl about the fact that there wuz a yoonanimus Dimocratic vote at the Cross-Roads, when it is well known that there are five hundred niggers in the precinct wich wood vote the Abolishn, Radikel tikkit. I suppose that it will be made the excoose for another raid and another demand for violent measures agin the sufferin South. Let it be so. Ef the North supposes that we shel lay still and let niggers offset our votes, when we want the Southern war debt paid, and a system uv Southern internal improvements inoggeratid, the North is mistaken. The Southern Dimocrat knows how to pertect himself. He obeys laws, pervidid the laws run his way.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman.

MR. NASBY FORESEES TROUBLE.

Confedrit X Roads.
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Dec. 10, 1878.

I foresee trouble. My prophetic sole looks forrerd a year or two, and perseeves a cloud a loomin up in the fucher, wich bodes us uv the South no good. I foresee a raid wich will be made onto the suffrin South, and possibly it may be successful. I foresee a renewal uv the hostilities wich led to a fratricidle struggle betwixt the sexshuns in 1861, and possibly gore.

The North is not content with things ez they are. The North persists in bleevin that the rites uv the niggers in the South hez bin violatid, and that they hev bin deprived uv the priviligis of freemen, wich they fortify by assertin ez a fact that in the Cross-Roads alone 75 niggers were killed for insistin upon votin the Republikin tikkit, and that 500 wuz kept away from the poles by force.

At least let the people uv the North hev the truth. Our enemies will find that nothin kin be gained by misrepresentashun and false statement. I will give the exact facts.

There wuz only 72 killed, the other three bein merely severely woundid. One uv the woundid may hev died sence, but I am not certin.

Ther wuzn't five hundred druv away from the poles, the exact number wuz four hundred and ninety-one.

It is by sich falsehoods that the suffrin South is bein prejoodist. It is by means uv sich lies that Congris will be inflooenced agin givin us sich appropriashens ez we desire, and payin the Southern war debt, and penshunin Southern soljers. It is by sich stupenjus lies that the Radikels hope to elect a President in 1880.

Neither will the subsidized Radikel press give the troo reasons, or ruther the philosophy, uv our ackshen in this matter.

The fact is, we did not deny the rite uv the nigger to vote. No sich thought ever entered our heads. We desired em to vote. We went into

ther settlements and implored em, ez they loved Kentucky, to come and deposit ther ballots like freemen. We reminded em that many uv em hed the best blood uv Kentucky in ther veins, that ther wuz those among em who cood proudly point to the Bascoms, Gavitts and Pograms ez their ancestors. We askt em to jine us in an effort to save the South from hoomiliashen, by sendin up a clean Dimecratic delegashun, and by sich majorities ez wood teech the vandal North that the state wuz a yoonit agin ther unholy skeems uv subjoogashen.

We reminded em that they hed a ekal interest with us in prookoorin approprishuns. "It is troo," we sed to em, "that you will not hev contrax on the ship canal, or on the custom house at the Corners, nor will yoo be penshund for servis in the Confedrit army, but the money will come here, and ez yoo furnish all the pervishens, we not bein fond uv labor, it will git around to yoo in time."

And we reminded em uv a great many more things.

They come to the polls on our invitashen four hundred and ninety-one, wich wuz a majority. They come unarmed, save with that weapon wich is firmer set and stronger than the bayonet, the ballot. To our horror we diskivered that every last one uv the black cusses hed Republikin tickets and perposed to vote em!

Uv course this woodn't do. We wantid em to exercise the rite uv suffrage, but they must exercise itez we wantid em to.

We closed the poles immejitly, till we cood hasten home and git our shot-guns and revolvers. Then we opened the poles agin and remonstrated with em agin this outrage. We felt that we wuz bein coerced into permittin a unholy radikel majority at the Corners, wich hez alluz bin Dimekratic, and wich shel alluz be. We told em they shood vote, but they must vote the Dimekratic tikkit like free men. Ef they felt they coodn't do that they hed better not inflame the Corners and pervoke blood by staying around the poles.

One uv em demandid the rite to vote ez he pleased, when Issaker Gavitt, wich is naturally quick, blew the top uv his head off with a charge uv buckshot. Hevin tastid blood, a general battoo ensued, in wich ninety-two uv em wuz killed, and the rest took to their heels and refoozed to vote.

This is all ther wuz in the matter. Possibly ther wuz more uv em killed than wuz strickly necesary. Possibly killin fifty, or perhaps twenty-five wood hev ansered the purpis jist ez well. Ef so, we are sorry and are willin to apologize to the friends uv the deceast. We desire alluz to do the proper and manly thing.

But when we are asked to permit a Republikin majority at the Corners, we say no! and we alluz say it at the muzzle uv a shot-gun, ef needs be, tho we hed ruther not. We wood much prefer that the misgided men wood lisen to reeson and come into the Dimekratic fold by peaceful meens, but come they must, or suffer the consekences.

Why look at it. Without hevin a solid South how kin we sekoor the speshl appropriashenss wich we must hev? How kin we drive the North into the payment uv our debt, and the penshunin uv our soljers? How kin we elect the next President, and run the government in the interest uv the South? With a divided delegashun it wood be impossible. Let the North think uv our necessities, and we are shoor they will approve our ackshen.

I do not know that this simple statement will hev any effeck upon the

besotted Northern press, but it is al we kin do. Ef we are to be made to suffer for protectin ourselves, then so it must be. We at least will die like heroes. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman (Shot Gun).

MR. NASBY HAS AN INVESTIGATION OF HIS OWN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Dec. 23, 1878.

I don t want no Senatorial committee down here. I don't want nobody pryin around bringin niggers up to testify ez to wat they know about eleckshuns, and votin and sich. Niggers is prejudist, and their mental vishuns is distorted. They don't understand polytix, and hev very dim and confoosed notions of relijun. Ther ain't a nigger neer the Corners wich don't firmly bleeve that the Fifteenth amendment meens that they shel hev the rite to vote, unfettered and unhampered, and that they hev the rite to vote ez they please. They can't be made to understand that the sooperior intelligence that lays mostly around Bascom's wuz designed by Providence to guide and direct em, and that they ought to be thankful that it is here to keer for em.

To put niggers onto the stand for examinashen is to convict ourselves. Ther ain't ez many uv us to swear ez there wuz the mornin uv the eleckshun, but there is enuff.

That the country shel hev the troo inwardnis uv wat did reely happen eleckshun day, I hev alreddy held an examinashun, and here it is:

Issaker Gavitt sworn:—Was present at the poles last eleckshun day, and hed votid. Come without my double-barreled shot-gun, for did not antissipate trouble uv any kind. Hed understood that the niggers hed all agreed to vote the strate Dimekratic tikket, in wich case wood ez soon they wood vote ez not. Ruther encouraged em. Remember acceptin an invitashun to take suthin with one uv em, and wood hev acceptid invitashuns with all uv em. Am fast losin the prejoodis wich every white man hez agin color. Hev got so that I kin tolerate a nigger, with money, ef he is liberal. Two uv em hed votid (them wuz the two Republikin tikkits wich wuz found in the box) when we diskivered that every one uv em hed Republikin tikkits instid uv Dimekratic, and that they perposed to vote em. Felt naterally enraged. Dashed the niggers away from the winder and hed the poles closed. Rushed home and got my shot-gun, ez did Deekin Pogram, Capt. McPelter and the rest uv us. Immejitly notified the niggers that this kind uv thing wooden't do, and that while we desired em to exercise ther rites, they must exercise em in accordance with the ijees uv the dominant race, and nothin else. Otherwise they coodent exercise em. Ther wuz some trouble wich resulted in the killin uv perhaps seventy uv em. Can't state exactly how many wuz killed, ez he didn't count em.

Bleeves in President Hayes, espeshelly sence the appintment uv Mosby ez consul to Hong Kong. Thinks it wood be a great measure uv pasificashen ef he (Gavitt) cood be appinted to suthin.

Deekin Pogram testified to about the same thing that Issaker did. Wuz willin that the niggers shood vote ef they cood only vote the Dimekratic tikket. Hed overcome the prejoodis every Cawcashun wuz bound to hev agin the inferior race, but shood insist, alluz, that the inferior race shood be guided and directed by the sooperior. Ef the sooperior race wants to vote the Dimekratic tikkit, the inferior must do likewise, and so

on. Otherwise we can't let em vote. We shel insist on hevin em countid in when we make up our Congressional representashun, but we must control their votes. Otherwise the bloatid North wood hev the bulge on us. Approves the President's policy, espeshelly his appintment uv Mosby ez minister, or watever it is, to Hong Kong. Nothin so consiliates the Southern mind ez an appintment. Would like to hev it tried on hisself.

Col. McPelter testified to shootin perhaps seven or eight uv em. Bleeved he wuz justified, and appeeled to the Northern sense uv rite. Hed the niggers votid the Republikin tikkit, it wood hev bothered us to elect the Dimocratic tikkit, suthin that the Corners alluz hed done, and alluz expectid to do. Coodent and woodent stand innovashuns. Ef the niggers want to vote, let em vote rite, and ther will be no objeckhuns to it. Otherwise we can't permit it.

I didn't consider it necessary to take any more testimony. But this I hed sworn to, before Bascom, who sealed it offishelly with the end uv a whisky glass, and I shel forrerd it to Blane. I hope it will hev proper effeck. I hope the North will see thet we desire to recognize the amendments, and that we are willin to go jist ez fur ez possible. We must, however, preserve the integrity uv the old Dimekratic party, and must retane our majorities. When this is understood, ther will be no more trouble. When the nigger gits into the proper frame uv mind uv votin ez we want him to, all the bother will end, anr ther will be that espeshel kind uv peece that we desire. Otherwise ther will be more worry and more trubble. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Statesman (Shot Gun).

RESUMPTION AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jan. 2, 1879.

At last the blow hez fallen. The infamous Sherman hez forced resumpshun upon a long-sufferin people wich hez bin in the merciless grasp uv the men they borrowed money uv, wich means, to us, finanshel rooin. He hez refoosed us more money—he hez turned a deef ear to our appeals for onlimited greenbax, and now requires us to come down to a gold basis and do biznis as we did in the slow times afore the late onpleasantnis.

Ther wuz a feelin uv depreshn at the Corners wich wuz painful. The Deekin, that sweet old saint, stood over the bar at Bascom's, his time-enfeebled hand graspin a glass uv likker, supported on either side by Capt. McPelter and Issaker Gavitt, each uv em also graspin a glass uv likker.

"Resumpshen is upon us," sed the Deekin, sighing pitifully, "and we shel hev to pay gold to the graspin bondholders. Wher is it to end?"

And then we desided to hold a meetin to wunst, and,at leest, protest agin this infamus perceedin, with the faint hope that the powers at Washington mite heed the groans uv an opprest people and let up on em. Akkordinly the horn wuz tooted, and in fifteen minits we hed a gatherin uv the faithful within them time-honored walls. The people uv the Corners hev plenty uv time to attend meetins, and they are also the most accomplished passers uv resolooshens that I know uv.

After lamentin the deprest condishn uv biznis, consekent upon contrakshen, and the utter and entire rooin that must follow the compellin uv us to get down to a gold basis, the follerin resolooshens, prepared by me, wuz presentid by myself:

Wareas, That feend in human shape, that tool uv the money power, and that sucker uv finanshel blood, John Sherman, sekretary uv the Treasury, hez persistently forced contrakshen, and hez wound up his infamus career by resoomin; and,

Wareas, While the Corners wishes to deel fairly by the nashnel creditors, except in the matter uv paying the nashnel debt; and,

Wareas, Ef the Corners hed to pay the nashnel debt, and sich, it claims the high privilege uv makin the money it is to be paid in, so that it kin accommodate itself to sich circumstances ez may happen to circumstance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners, in the interest uv opprest labor and langishin capital, demands that the order resoomin specie payment be to wunst revoked.

Resolved, That it is the dooty uv the genral government, instid of gittin down to a gold basis, to ishoo money in sich quantities and uv sich a nacher that will make our lots, here in the Corners, worth wat they wuz at the close uv the war, and make em go ez quick ez they did then.

Resolved, That the necessity uv the Corners is credit, and that under the system perposed by the feend Sherman credit is simply impossible.

Resolved, That we want a finanshel system that will enable us to borrow $5,000 on an acre lot, the vally uv the money bein uv no akkount so that it will buy likker.

Resolved, That the general government, instid uv resoomin speshe payment and compellin us to exchange our greenbax for gold, with the intenshun uv retirin our greenbax, and thereby contractin the vollum uv currency, shood keep our greenbax afloat and add to them the gold in cirkelashen, thus expandin the currency, and givin the Corners plenty uv capitle with wich to develop its resources.

Resolved, That every citizen here present does sollumly protest agin bein compelled to take gold for his greenbax, and hereby enters his protest agin the nefarious skeem, ez bein in the sole interest uv the bloatid bond-holders uv the East, and agin the horny-handed toilers uv the West.

I wuz about puttin the resolooshens onto their passage, when Joe Bigler arose. That cuss is pizen, and always turns up at the wrong place.

"I wood sejest," sed Josef, "that we may be goin too fast. Possibly resumpshen is a mere matter uv form and hez no substance into it. I kin understand how Secretary Sherman may advertise to pay out gold for legle tenders, in Washinton, without forcin it onto the rest uv the kentry. Suppose we put the matter to a test. I wood sejest, therefore, that some one uv the groanin capitalists in this house take a dollar legle tender note, and go over to the nashnel bank and demand gold for it, and see whether they hev been instructed to pay it."

The proposishen seemed to me to be a fair one, and I called upon some one to go over and try the experiment.

Ther wuz a awkerd pause.

Every member uv the meetin went through the form uv feelin through his close. But to my intense disgust, ther wuzn't a dollar in the house—not a dollar!

"I pity yoo victims uv a false finanshel polisy from the bottom uv my heart," sed Josef, sneerinly. "Yoo hev so much to do with it. It must worry a man to be compelled to pay in gold, when he never pays in nuthin. It must hurt a man to hev to receeve gold for paper, when he hain't got no paper. Parson, let us put them resolooshens and pass em."

Uv course, after this hoomiliatin disclosure there wuzn't no yoose in passin the resolooshens, and the meetin adjourned sadly, and re-assembled at Bascom's.

But we are jist ez much opposed to speshe resumpshen ez ever, for all that.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY. Finanseer.

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A PROLONGED GROWL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Jan. 18, 1879.

This world is one of disappointments, and woe, and troubles, and sich Ef Adam when he et the apple and brot sin into the world intended to make his descendants mizable, he did a cleen job, sure. He coodent hev improved upon it, so fur ez the Corners is concerned.

Resumpshen is a fixed fact, and before the Corners recovered from the prostrashen that event caused, there comes to us the terrible nooze that Conklin hez bin renominated for Senator in Noo York, and Butcher Logan, in Illinoy. That finishes it. These men are both haters uv the Sunny South, are both upholders uv the heresy that a man wich bleeved in secession and sich ain't precisely the man to be trusted with reorganizing the country, and they are indeliblj fixed agin payin the Southern war debt and penshunin the Southern soljers.

Why coodent the Republikins uv Illinoy and Noo York hev consiliated us? Why coodent they hev nominated men wich wood hev considered the condishn uv the South, and bin willin to do suthin toward extingishin the flame that is smolderin all over the South, and is liable at any minnit to bust out into a conflagrashen, the consekences uv wich no one kin foresee?

Wat chance hez the South for restorin her desprit forchoons by levee in the Mississsip, and the tribootary streems, with sich men in the Senit?

Wat chance hez the South for gittin back the cost uv the property destroyed by the Fedrel soljers, with Logan, a Fedrel genral, and Conklin, a persekooter, in the upper house?

Wat chance hez our Southern braves wich served under Johnson and Hood for penshuns out uv the Fedrel treasury with sich men ez these in high posishen?

These two men are irritants. They are to the Suthern heart wat a mustard plaster is to the Suthern body. I hev red Conklin's speeches, and I never did like em. He wuz a Ablishnist, a war man and a persekooter

I hev seed Logan. I saw him on a hoss when I wuz a member uv the Looisiana Pelikins. I saw him every time I looked back, and I don't want no more uv him. Ef the North wants us to be satisfied, to remain quiet under our oppresshuns, they don't want to send sich men to the Senit. It's a insult to the South, and will prolong the bitternis wich is not yit eradicatid.

Do the Republikins uv Illinoy and Noo York comprehend how this affex the Corners?

Do they know that Deekin Pogram hed twelve hosses taken by John Morgan, wich wuz in consekence uv the Corners being invadid by Federel troops, while he (Deekin) was sutlerizing in a Confedrit regiment, and cood not be at home to pertect his property?

Do they know that Col. McPelter, while riskin his life with Forrest at Fort Piller, lost his distillery, with its contents, by its occupancy by a Fedrel regiment?

Do they know that the advance uv the Federels upon the country about the Corners concentratid a large force uv Confedrits here, wich cleened out every hen-coop and pig-pen for miles around?

Do they know that after the Confedrits' force wuz here a week there wuzn't a rale within ten miles uv the Corners?

Can't they understand that ef the Fedrels hedn't threatened this seckshun thet the Confedrits wooden't hev bin sent up to pertect us, and thet our poultry, and mules, and rales, wood hev remaned with us?

Who is to pay for all this property? The Confedrits? Alas, ther ain't no sich. Then who? Clearly, the Fedrel government whose unjustifiable movements brought destruckshun upon us.

The rales went, and ez our laber wuz taken from us by the emanciashun proclamashen they hev never bin replaced, and our once smilin feelds are grown up to underbrush, except wher a nigger hez bought the land and works it.

The hens wuz all killed, and there hez never bin a chickin raised here sence. Whenever a chicken pot-pie graces the board uv an old citizen it is a dead sure thing that that citizen wuz out huntin the nite afore, in the nigger settlement at Libertyville.

Nothin but the inoggerashun uv a system uv improvements by the Federel government, and the ishooin uv fiat money to pay for em will ever restore the Corners to her original prosperity. Our people are paralyzed, and hev no hope.

Hed Noo York and Illinoy electid Republikins uv the consiliatory style we shood hev plucked up courage and tried to git through, till they cood hev hed a chance to give us releef. But with Conklin and Logan we feel that all is lost, and we shel try to do nothin. A sadder congregashun than we hed in Bascom's last nite I never seed. We wuz all speechlis, and the few drinks that wuz ordered was done by signs.

I wood turn Republikin myself, but it won't do. I tried it once and neerly famished. The Republikins don't drink, and the Dimocrisy wich does drink ain't got no money to pay for anything more than they want theirselves. And so, between the two, I go about ez dry as a lime-kiln, and spittin cotton all the time.

And on the top uv this the radikels dash our risin hopes by electin Conklin and Logan, knowin that them men is not consiliatory, but quite the reverse.

I am willin to welcome death now, at any time. The grim destroyer can't come any too soon, for life hez nothin left for me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgustid).

MR. NASBY BECOMES INDIGNANT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 27, 1879.

The perverseness uv some men is beyond all human calkalashun, and the misforchoons uv the Dimocrisy is suthin wich nothin short uv infinity kin calkelate upon. Ther ain't no discipline in the party, but it seems on the contrary ez tho every man uv em, from the highest officer down to the lowest privit in the ranks, wuz a fitin on his own hook.

Ther wuz a bill interdoost into Congris remooneratin a Kentuckian, named Mitchell, fur cotton seized by Linkin's hirelins, and the proceeds uv wich went into the Fedrel treasury and wuz yoosed to crush the South in its holy struggle for its rites.

It wuz a very simple case. Mitchell went South at the beginning uv the unholy croosade. He hed a pass or suthin from a Fedrel general to

go South, but when he got there he preferred to stay, and he did stay for three years.

Bein a troo Kentuckian, Mitchell went into the Confedrit servis, ez a commissary or suthin uv the sort. That he wuz a troo friend uv the South is evidenced by the fact that he came back alive and wuzn't hung to the neerest tree.

Doorin his absence his cotton wuz remorselessly seezed by Linkin's feends, and confiscatid.

After the South wuz crushed, Mr. Mitchell's wealth bein mostly in Confedrit money, he bethought himself uv the cotton. I don't know how much cotton wuz taken, nor is it necessary thet I shood know. I only know that he put in a claim for $128,000, enuff to enable him to live in considerable comfort, and smooth his pathway to the silent toom. That wuz all ther wuz about it. It wuz a case wich appeeled to every Dimocrat, and it ought to hev gone through the House with a whoop, ez the begünnin uv consiliashen.

But before it cum to a vote, a Dimekrat named Bragg, of Wisconsin, made a incendiary speech agin it, and to add insult to injoory he gave the suffrin South notis that sich claims wood be resistid by the Dimocrisy uv the North, and that ther wood be no earthly yoose in interdoosin sich bills.

Let me ask Mr. Bragg wat he means? Is he a Dimekrat and does he comprehend the hull dooty uv a Dimekrat? Wat wuz he electid fur? Wat rite hez he to hold a seat in Congris, ez a Dimekrat, and cast his vote agin Dimekratic measures? He is insubordinit. He hezn't the remotist idee uv wat his dooty really is. Wat did the South cum back into the Yoonyun fur?

He sez it will be the enterin wedge for sich appropriashens, till the treasury is bankrupt. Sposn it is? Doesn't Mr. Bragg understand that rite here in the Corners we hev clames agin the gineral government for more than twice the amount uv Mitchell's beggarly demand? Why, Deekin Pogram lost twelve mules, and all his fences, and Capt. McPelter his distillery with its preshus contence. Issaker Gavitt sez he lost suthin, and ther ain't a citizen uv the Corners but wich diskivered he hed bin impoverished by the bloo-kotid hirelins, the very minit it wuz diskivered that ther wuz a prospeck uv a Dimekratic House and a Senit, and consekent payment uv these claims.

The effeck on the Corners uv this prospeck uv payment wuz instantaneous and strikin. Ther revived in our breasts a feelin uv devoshun to the old flag wich we hedn't felt for yeers. Ther wuz an immejit longin to see its folds floatin everywhere, and expreshuns begun to be heerd that perhaps the South hed made a mistake, and that the old flag wuz good enuff for us. And wat wuz better, jist the second that the payment uv these claims wuz considered a shoor thing, Bascom re-established the credit system, and in the most generus manner put down on his slate jist ez many drinks ez we ordered. When a citizen sed, "Put it down, Bascom," his inquiry wuz: "Hev yoo a clame agin the government?" and ez the anser alluz wuz: "Certinly—mules," he put it down cheerful and smilin.

Do yoo know, Mr. Bragg, wat yoor insenjary speech hez dun? It hez crushed out yooyunism here, entirely. It hez revived the old feelin uv animosity to the Fedrel government, and revived the smolderin discontent that wuz well nigh extinguished. The citizens murmur: "Then the gov-

ernment ain't goin to pay me for my mules? D—n the government!"

Issaker Gavitt sez that ef Bragg, uv Wisconsin, succeeds in blockin the payment to him fur the mules that John Morgan took, the hopes uv the South for a free government are forever dashed, and that freedom may ez well commence her shreek.

The reedin uv Mr. Bragg's speech hez plunged the Corners into gloom from wich it will take months to arouse it. Biznis is deprest, and there is genral stagnation. Bascom refoosed credit at his bar, to-wunst, and we hev to depend on chance commershel travelers from Looisville for wat refreshers we git. We sit and sit afore his fire, and wonder ef the time will ever come when supplies will be regler, and the worm that dieth not in our stummicks will ever be suffishently satiated. All this we owe to Bragg, uv Wisconsin.

I never want to see a Dimekrat electid from a state like Wisconsin. They ain't half baked. Wat Bragg shood hev done wuz to vote for that clame, and take defeet, when he came up for re-eleckshun, like a man, trustin the next Dimekratic President, wich will be under Suthern controle, to give him a forrun mishun.

Such Dimekrats must be red out uv the party. We didn't come back into the Yoonyun to play the second fiddle to the North. Uv the Radikels North we expect opposishun, but uv the Dimocrisy uv the North, submishn. Nothin less will anser. The Braggs must either git into their old places, or go out among the Ablishnists, wher ther is weepin and wailin and gnashin uv teeth.

The cardinal principles uv the Suthern Dimocrisy is:

1. Payment uv all clames that any Confedrit may make on the ginral guvernment for property yoosed up doorin the struggle.

2. Penshunin Suthern soljers, incloodin even sich ez wood like to hev gone into the servis, but didn't.

3. A comperhensive system uv internal improvements wich wood inclood a custom house at the Corners, and the slack-watrin uv Sucker Crik.

Ef Mr. Bragg can't support these trooly consiliatory measures, the sooner he gits out uv the party the better. We want no sich in our ranks.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Dimekrat.

MR. NASBY ON THE CIPHER DISPATCHES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Feb. 11, 1879.

Ther is no limit to the crooelty uv the Ablishen managers, nun watever. Not content with perventin that gilelis reformer, Saml. J. Tilden, from buyin the Presidency, they are doin their level best to fasten the attempt onto him, and to destroy his chances for another effort in 1880.

Wat do these men mean? Don't they know that Saml. J. is a quiet, gilelis old man, who wuz brought out for the Presidency solely becoz uv his many virchoos, and that it wuz sorely agin his will that he wuz nominatid at all? Don't they know that doorin that long and hotly contested campane he lay ez quiet ez a mouse at his neat but not gaudy home in Gramercy park, Noo York, payin no attenshun watever to wat wuz goin on, but perfeckly content with watever verdick the people shood bring in? Don't they know that he knows nothin watever uv politikle management, but that his interests wuz put into the hands uv his friends, who did jist watever they pleased, and that he never knowd nothin wat-

ever about it, till the votes wuz countid out, and that he never even so much ez looked at a noosepaper doorin the progress uv the battle?

The people don't understand Saml. J. Tilden, and they do him a injoory. He is no manager and no politishen. He is too warm-bloodid, too impulsive, and too innocent for the devious ways uv modern pollytix. But this isn't generally knowd. His innocence is the coz uv all his troubles. Hevin okkepied prominent posishuns, wich hev come to him entirely unsolissitid, and becoz uv his strikt integrity, he is surroundid by a gang uv unscroopulus men, who yoose him for ther own purposes. He hez a nefew —a man named Pelton—who trades onto his uncle's well-known caracter, and who gits him into all sorts uv trubbles. It wuz Pelton who did all the ralerode wreckin that wuz charged to Tilden's account, and it wuz Pelton who wuz the cheef spirit uv the Tweed ring, and ho made all the money out uv it. It uzn't Tilden at all, and nobody ever sposed it wuz who knowd the good old man.

In this matter he is in the same fix. When Looisiany, Floridy and Oregon wuz in doubt, the gilelis Tilden sed to hisself, "It is well. Ef them states want to vote for Hayes, all rite. I am merely the servant uv the people, and wat is their will I must be satisfied with. It is all one to me. I may not be President, but I hev an approvin conshence," and he saddled his hoss and rode out in Central Park, smilin like the innocent man he is.

But this wicked Pelton, and the still wickeder Marble, mizzable men that they are to thus trade on the innosence uv this unsofistakatid old man, they went to Florida and Oregon, and Looisiana and South Carolina, and they offered large sums uv money to buy the electral votes uv them states. They never let the gilelis Tilden know nuthin about it, for they knowd that ef it wuz ever breathed to him he wood stop it at once, and probably cut em all out uv his will. They knowd the integrity uv the old gentleman so well that they were mighty keerful to keep all knowledge uv it from him.

They hev done all that they kin in the matter to set Mr. Tilden right, and the public ought to be satisfied with it. The biznis wuz all done in his parlor, but without his knowledge. While they wuz arrangin the detales he wuz bizzy readin his noosepaper and attendin to his other biznis; when the buyin up uv the Florida board wuz discussed at his breakfast table he was engaged in breakin a soft- biled egg, and never heerd a word uv it. They didn't even dare to ask the gilelis old man for money to carry out ther nefarious skeem, wich wood hev shocked him hed he knowd uv it. They simply askt him for a check for $200,000, and the innosent old man give it to em without dreamin uv the wickid purpus they wuz to yoose it for. They telegraphed backerd and forerds for months, but the innosent Tilden never knowd nothin about it, tho he paid the bills with money wich he sposed wuz goin for charity and sich.

That this is troo nobody hez any rite to question. Mr. Tilden sez it is troo, and so does Pelton and Marble. They both testify that the old man didn't know nothin about the buyin uv the electoral votes, and that ef he hed knowd it he wood hev stopped it. I make no doubt that John Morrisey, wuz he alive, wood testify to the same thing, and swear to it, on a faro lay-out, wich is why I am sorry that eminent statesman and gambler is dead. His testimony wood be valuable now, to inspire confidence in wat Tilden swears to.

My testimony in this matter ought to hev weight, for I hev no reason to like Mr. Tilden. I kin never forget that in the St. Louis convenshun

wich nominated him, I only got $400 for my vote for him, wich he ashoored me wuz the highest he wuz payin, when I subsequently ascertaned, when it wuz everlastinly too late, that he hed paid ez high ez $2,400 to delegates uv no more importance than myself. Nor kin I forgit the brootal anser he made to an appeel for money, that it wuz no yoose to put money into Kentucky wich wuz shoor to go for him anyhow, and that he needed all he had for Noo York, wher votes hed to be hed, and wher they cost money. Sityooated ez I am with him, my testimony shood be reseeved ez amountin to suthin.

Ez badly ez he yoosed me, I want him nominated in 1880, and hence I depercate these assaults onto him. I shel know better then than I did the last time. Ef ther is enuff left uv him to make a candidate, he will hev to hev votes, and he will hev to git em ez he did afore, by buyin uv em. He won't fool me with any $400 the next time. I shel know my vally, and the extent uv his meens too well for that. The next time he will hev to pay me wat I am wuth, and ef I don't git enuff to keep me till he comes up for re-nominashen agin, I am mistaken.

But this persekooshun ought to stop and must. Mr. Tilden ought not to be made to bear the burdens uv his unscrupulous followers. The wickedness uv a Pelton ought not to be made to obscure the troo goodnis uv a Tilden. The good old man sez he didn't know nothin about the attempt to buy the electral votes, and the Amerikin people must take his word. They hev no rite to crush an innosent old man, wich hez bin made the prey uv unscrupulous men wich he is so unfortunit ez to hev about him. Besides I like his style. I want him for a candidate in 1880. He hez made ez much money since his fust run ez he spent, and will pay jist ez much for the place now ez he did then. He is the favorit uv the Cross-Roads.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Champion uv Innosense.

MR. NASBY DEFENDS MR. TILDEN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
Feb. 24, 1879.

The Republican persekooters wich is on the track uv that martyrd innosent, Samuel J. Tilden, are dooin a most onnecessarily crooel thing. That poor old man hez suffered enuff by bein deprived uv the offis to wich he wuz electid by votes wich he hed bought and paid for, without bein houndid in this villainous manner.

To hold that Mr. Samuel J. Tilden knowd anything about them cipher dispatches is to hold him up ez a man capable uv takin a posishen irregelerly prokoored. Samuel is not a man uv that kind. I kin aver that Sammel J. Tilden didn't know nothin about em.

I wuz at Tilden's house at the very day Pelton and Marble wuz ther arrangin to see that the Presidency wuzn't taken by frod by Hayes. We hed bin consultin on the situashen, wich we considered frot with danger. It wuz a critikle period in the history uv the guvernment. Here wuz Tilden electid, ez we bleeved, and here wuz returnin boards holdin out for money. Uv course, bein a just man, I won't say the Republikin usurpers hed offered em money to hold stedfast, but it wuz very plain that they woodent come over to us without money, and a good deal uv it.

Pelton, Marble and the old gentleman hed bin in consultashen before I got in; in fact, the consultashen wuz over. Pelton and Marble hed ther

carpit-bags packed, and a kerridge was at the door to take em to the train.

"Good-bye, nevew, good-bye, my stedfast frend, Marble," sed Tilden, cheerfully. "I don't know wat yoo are a goin to Floridy and South Kerliny for, but may success attend yoor efforts, watever they may be."

And he winked a sollum wink with his left eye.

"Unkle," sed Pelton, "uv course yoo don't know wat we are a goin for, nor yoo musn't know; yoo must keep yerself in posishun not only not to know, but to swear that yoo don't know."

And nevew Pelton winked sollumly.

"Nevew, trust me for that," sed Tilden, "but see that yoo don't fail, no matter wat yoor mishn is. Success is everything in this life. To fail in anything is criminal. I taught yoo that, nevew, when yoo wuz a pulin infant. Wat yoo want is success."

And Mr. Tilden winked still more sollumly with his rite eye. Mr. Tilden kin wink with either eye.

"Never fear, unkle, never fear. All yoo hev to do is to cash sich drafts ez we shell make upon you, and you will be satisfied. We shel require a large sum—possibly two or three hundred thousand dollars. But no matter how large, cash em, and hev confidence into us. Yoo needn't know anything about wat we mean to do, but them drafts will be drawn onto the fund from Floridy and South Kerliny." And he winked once more, this time very sollum.

"It is well, nevew," replied the kind and confidin old gentleman; "I hev sich confidence in yoo that I will see that yoo hev all the money yoo want and kin yoose. I woodent take the Presidency by any questionable means, ez I hev sed a great many times, and above all I woodent yoose any money to prokoor it, and I know yoo woodent be an agent in any sich transacshens. Still yoo shel hev a barl full uv it, persoomin that yoo are a goin to endow skools for the ignorent freedmen with it."

And he fetched another wink.

"That is cur purpus, unkle, to bring the prejoodist freedman in close conjunkshen with his nateral pertecters, the Dimocrisy, and it will cost a great deel uv money."

And all three uv em winked at each other sollumly.

And they departid gaily, and the result is afore the world. They didn't git the electral vote they wantid—wich Mr. Tilden didn't know nothin about—the yooserper Hayes okkepies the White House, and ther is a nigger in the postoffis at the Corners!

I insist that Mr. Tilden told the exact trooth when he said he didn't know nothin about the cipher dispatches, and that the effort to fasten guilty knowledge onto him is vilenis itself. I know it becoz I can't comprehend how so skillful a purchaser uv men ez he hez alluz shown hisself to be shood hev failed ef he hed attempted it; and, second, Mr. Sammel J. Tilden sez he didn't do it, and that ought to be concloosive.

Besides all this, he is very angry with his nevew Pelton, for compermisin him in this matter. He hez bin over two yeers gittin angry at him, but he is a man slow to wrath, in wich he is moderashen itself, ez in everything else.

No onprejudist person will ever hold Mr. Tilden gilty. He wuz the victim uv nevew Pelton, wich hez alluz led him.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Reformer.

THE CORNERS UPON THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky).
March 4, 1879.

A delegate uv the Anti-Chinese Assosiashen uv San Francisco hez bin with us, and hez departid. He organized us into an Anti-Chinese Assosiashen, wich we did all the more redily ez the argyments he urged agin permittin the Chinese to settle among us wuz so exceedinly similar to them wich we alluz urged agin lettin the nigger hev his rites. The Corners hailed em ez its nateral meat and drink, and we accepted em towunst, without question.

The representative uv the Anti-Chinese society uv San Francisco wuz a American citizen named O'Shaughnessy. He wuz a flooid talker, and a statesman uv the first water. We called a meetin to reseeve him and hear his vews, wich wuz wat he wantid.

Mr. O'Shaughessy commenst by saying that he cum to us ez an Amerikin citizen and an advocate uv the Amerikin idee. When he left Ireland a year ago, and landid in Noo York he to wunst assoomed the highest dooty uv an Amerikin by votin the day after he landid, for wich he wuz rewardid by being put on the police force uv that city. He hed a repetashen ez a speech-maker, and an assoiashen of Amerikins in San Francisco, hedid by that troo Amerikin, Dennis Karney, sent for him, to assist them in resistin the encroachments uv the heathen Chinee, wich wuz overwhelmin the servant girls uv the Pacific coast, by doin washin cheaper and better than they did it. He to wunst obeyed the call. It wuz his dooty. And beside the pay for speekin wuz better than servin ez a policeman, and the work wuz much easier.

Mr. O'Shaughessy wuz opposed to the Chinese for several reasons:

1. They wuz heathen and bleeved in a god wich he didn't. So terrible wuz Mr. O'Shaugnessy's emoshun when dwellin on the heathen aspeck uv the question that he told his beads, all the time, and made the sign uv the cross more than twenty times. He wood never consent that heathen shood rool Ameriky. Ameriky belonged to the Pope uv Rome, and not to Joss, wich he wuz informed wuz the title uv the Chinese god.

2. They never votid. Wat kind uv a citizen is it that comes to this kentry, and never organizes clubs, and assooms the rool thereof? Ther hed never bin a instance uv a Chinaman askin for a place ez skool commishner, or to be put on to the police force. No Chinaman hed ever bin an alderman, nor hed ever asked for it.

3. They wuz a sly, underminin people. They took work wherever they cood get it, and went about doin it, with a regelarity and pashense that wuz disgustin. They never hed the manlinis to strike for higher wagis, and never sed a word about eight hour laws. He hed knowd em, in his breef experience to work twelve and fifteen hours, and never say a word.

4. They knowd nothin about the dignity uv labor. He never saw one uv em in a bar-room, complainin uv bloatid aristocrats, and never see em at his meetins where he wuz denouncin the encroachments uv capital agin labor. They hev no sensibilities.

5. They wuz no yoose to the bar-rooms in San Francisco. The money they earn they spend in cloze and things uv that nacher, or hoard it. There is 65,000 uv em in San Francisco alone, and they take the place uv 65,000 Amerikins from Ballyough, wich wood spend at least 50 cents a day

each for the native Amerikin beverage, whiskey, addin that much to the revenoos uv the enlightened bar-keepers wich sent him East.

6. Ez they don't vote, and never take no part in ward pollitix, our liberties is endangered by hevin em here. Sich a mass uv heathenism (Mr. O'Shaughnessy told his beads agin) is a blotch onto Amerikin civilizashen and can't be endoored.

We immejitly adopted a series uv resolooshens indorsin Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his mishn, and took him over to Bascom's, where he imbibed the raw likker uv the seckshun till he sunk back into the virchus sleep that a great a great Amerikin organizer only knows. He left the next mornin, feelin thet he hed done a proper work in perventin the Heathen Chinee from obtainin a foothold onto this continent.

I ain't eggsackly shoor tho that we did a good thing in the matter. I see great possibilities in these Chinese. Suppose that we, the Dimocrisy, shood champion ther cause, and git em into our harnis! Suppose that we cood git em to take a part in our pollitix, and cood git em all to be Dimocrats! Suppose that we cood yoose em ez we hev the Irish, and cood make em do our biddin ez faithfully! Suppose that we shood give em the miner offises ez we allus hev the Irish, and make em the backbone uv our organizashen! Suppose that we add to the O'Briens the Ah Sins, and build up a party on that basis! I see a lite! I see all over the kentry a Chinese party, with Joss at the hed uv it, instid uv the Pope, with unlimitid chances uv expansion. I see the little brown man goin to the polls, and holdin small places, and controllin ward organizashuns, and bein considered. Every low element in the country gravitates naterally to the Dimocratic party, and why not the Chinese? We hev the Irish, the rum mills, and why not the Chinese, and the opium that they are addicted to?

The Chinaman don't deserve no considerashun, for he is an idiot. Ef he hed only knowd how much we wantid him, he wood not be in the shape he is to-day. Ef he hed, at the beginnin, refoosed to work and got nateralized, and organized hisself into ward committees, and made hisself felt into pollitix, Mr. Blane wood not hev bin opposin him. Mr. Blane wood hev bin biddin for his vote, and wood hev had him in custom housis and on the police force, and wood hev insistid onto his bein policeman and school commissishner, and wood hev made ez much uv him ez the average Irishman. But the poor cuss paid no attention to governin the country, but simply went to work and attendid to it mighty close, and consekently aint uv any account.

It ain't to late, however. The Chinaman kin hev a chance yet. We, the Dimocrisy, want him, ef he will be reasonable.

On the whole I don't agree with Mr. Blane. I am uv the opinyun that the Chinese shood be allowed to come and to stay, that is, ef they kin be indoosed to take a part in pollytix and act with us. Ef Wan Lee shood organize the Chinese in California in the interest uv the Dimocrisy, and shood vote the Dimekratic tikket, we cood organize ez big a steel ez Tweed did in Noo York with the Irish, and I cood wunst more know wat wine tastid like, instid uv the raw whiskey I am compelled to drink here.

On them condishns I am willin they shel come and stay. But ef they continyoo, ez they hev done, to grovel, and work, and take no part with us, then I shel jine Mr. Blane and insist that they be compelled to leeve. The spectacle uv a furriner which don't control no ward eleckshuns is disgustin to the Dimekratic mind. Ef they do as the Irish do, all right—ef not, they must go. I won't consent to no competishn with the back-bone uv Dimocrisy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

For or aginst the Chinese, ez the case may be.

MR. NASBY GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco,
(Wich is in the State uv Californy),
March 10, 1879.

It's a long trip over the vast mountains and stretched out plains that lay between Kentucky and the Pacific, but ez I hed three gallons uv Bascom's wust, wich, with occasional foragin on the other passengers to eke out my supply, I managed to git thro tollable. Ez a man hez to drink some water to wash the alkali from his throat, he kin git on with less likker than ez tho he wuz in his old Kentucky home, where the inhabitants hev never yit diskivered any pertikeler yoose for water. Immejitly on my arrival I went to the hed-quarters uv the Anti-Chinese Association uv the Tenth ward, and makin myself known to-wunst asked for informashen and demandid how I cood be uv servis to em.

Dinnis O'Shaughnessy sed that he hailed me ez a sturdy helper in the great coz uv maintaining the rites uv the oppressed Amerikin, wich wuz bein threatened by the hordes uv leprus Chinese wich hed ther hands already on the throte uv liberty. He—

Jist then the sentinel at the door sung out: "Here comes a Johnny," and a rush wuz made. A heathen wuz passin with two baskits uv clothes on the two ends uv a pole, acrost his shoulder. In a jiffy that heathen wuz rollin in the gutter and the close wuz divided among the associashen. The Chinaman run off yellin: "Lilish man d—d smartee—got clean shirtee first time in lifee."

Barney M'Grath offered a resolooshen that Ameriky wuz made for Amerikins, which Teddy O'Brien moved to amend by substitutin the word "Irishmen," for "Amerikins," wich wuz votid down. Barney sed he hed bin a troo Amerikin ever sence he landid, eight months ago, and he shood die one.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy went on, after this episode. He sed he kept a nate and convenient likker-grocery, which wuz near the Chinese quarther. He hed bin in it ever sence he kim over two years ago, and he hed nevir seen a Chinaman cross his durestep. They earned a great deal uv money, but not a cint uv it goes for likker, and that wuz one reason why Amerikin liberties wuz threatened. Ther wuz another piece uv oppreshn. They cood wash and cook ez well ez any Oirish gurrl that iver kim from the ould sod. They wuz low-minded beins who wood sooner wash and cook than starve or steal, and they hed taken the places uv more than 30,000 Oirish gurrls in 'Frisco. These girls hed brothers to borry uv em; there wuz the church to keep up, and how cood it be done with the Chinese in the nateral places that belonged to the gurrls?

"Another uv em comin!" shouted the outside sentinel, his face beamin with delight and antissipashen, as he selectid a couple uv brick-bats, and hurried out uv doors.

The approachin heathen wuz a mean-speritid cuss, for the minit he see an able-bodied Amerikin boy with a brick, and heerd his war-cry, "Tare an' ouns!" he run ez tho the avengin demon wuz ahind him. We sekoored his baskit, however, but he hed delivered his washin, and we got nothin else.

Wettin his lips out uv the Assosiashun bottle, Mr. O'Shaughnessy went on. The heathen wuz demoralizin—Chinese religion wuz demoralizin. For wun, he'd never hev the temples uv a heathen god set up in this land.

Ruther than tolerate this, he'd bate the brains out uv ivery dog uv em that landid on this soil. They wuz pizin on industry. The Chinese wich wood laber 15 hours wuz not condoosive to industry—he wuz a heathen and wuz death to religion, and he woodent adopt Amerikin customs.

I never got any more uv Mr. O'Shaughnessy's views for he hed bin pullin with grate steadinis and precision at the Assosiashen's bottle, and, overcome, he settled gradually out uv his chare, and went into that sleep wich is only perdoosed by an approving conscience and undilooted likker. The vice president, Mr. O'Brien, took the bottle and the chare, till nite, when we went to attend a meetin at wich Mr. Dinnis Karney wuz to speak, and afterward we made a raid on a number uv Chinese laundrymen, killin perhaps a dozen, and confiscatin more clean shirts than I hed ever seen in the whole course uv my life.

The next evenin I went to a meetin uv evangelical Pacific coast Chrischens, wich met to protest agin the President's veto uv the Chinese bill. The prinsipal speeker wuz the Rev. Melchisidek Barker, who sed that he objectid to the Chinese on purely religious grounds. His ansestors came over on the Mayflower, and wat did they come for? For wat did they brave the dangers uv the stormy deep, and settle in a Noo England climit, with no Boston to mitigate its terrors? It wuz to establish on this virgin sile the everlastin prinsiple uv religus ekality, to permit every man to worship God accordin to the dictates uv his own conscience——

"Ceptin the Chinese!" sung out another brother.

"They come to establish the equality uv man——"

"'Ceptin the Chinese!" sung out another brother.

The Rev. Barker got into sich trubbble that he quit speakin abruptly. A Noo Englander alluz spiles things when he gits to talkin practically. Them ez come over in the Mayflower to establish freedom uv conshence don't want to git into this movement, ontil they forgit wat their ansestors come for. In fact they want to git shet uv Plymouth Rock altogether. Another brother sot things rite, however, dodgin freedom uv conshence and sich, altogether, and opposin the Chinese simply on the ground that they wuz heathen and entirely irreligious. The President's veto wuz condemned by a standin vote, after which the doxology wuz sung, and the meetin adjourned with prayer.

I called in a little later at a meetin uv the "Librals," ez they called theirselves, wich wantid to expel the Chinese becoz they wuz sich bigoted religionists. The speaker remarkt that they worshipped a God, jist the same ez the Presbyterians did, and observed religious forms. In this free kentry he wantid no more uv religion. The President's veto wuz condemned by a call uv the aujence, and after singin a song in honôr uv Tom Paine, the meetin adjourned.

At the hall uv our assosiashen for the defence uv Amerikin liberties agin the Chinee, Mr. Dinnis Karney made a few remarks. He assertid that Ameriky wuz espeshly intendid ez the refuge uv the oppressed uv the earth, and that he wood die on the platform ruther than hev it desecratid by leprus, moon-eyed Mongolians. Mr. McFinnegan follered sayin that he didn't know nothin about the Mongolians, but be jabers, ez an Amerikin he wood perish sooner than be contaminated by the Chinese.

Afterward the assosiashen raided a few laundries, and went to ther beds happy in the conshusnis uv a dooty dun, and in the possesshn uv a dozen cleen shirts and a few women's skirts.

I go into the servis uv the organisashen to-morrow, alternatin with

Dennis Karney. The pay is good, and I kin devote the entire day to the bar-rooms, organizin. It is a deliteful callin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Defender uv Liberty Agin the Chinese.

P. S.—My frend Blane will git the vote uv Californy in the next Republikin convenshun, shoor. His opposishun to the Chinese hez endeered him to every nigger-killer on the coast. P. V. N.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRESS.

San Francisco,
(Wich is in the State uv Californy)
March 20, 1879.

The great work uv this noble assosiashen progresses splendidly and beyond my wildest antissipashens. The Irish servant girls contribit liberally. My pay is regler and liberal (ez the pay uv a reformer ought alluz to be), and I hev more shirts, and stockins, and handkerchers and sich than I ever seed afore, tho them artikles ain't ez essenshel to me ez they air to those more accustomed to em. I ain't a bloatid aristocrat, and consekently kin git on without these superfluities, tho when they come into my posseshun I kin utilize em. I am savin the most uv em agin my return to Kentucky, when they will do to sell, to supply the actooal necessities uv life.

These latter menshund articles we git entirely uv the dangerous Chinese. They are heavily engaged in the laundry biznis, thus takin the bred out uv the mouths uv the Irish wimmen, and ther ain't any law here agin despoilin the heathen. We stashen active and muskeler members uv the society at corners uv certin streets wher they leen in unconstraned attitoods agin the wall uv the s'loon that okkepies the posishun, and keep their eyes out. Presently a Chinaman is seen to approach, takin a washin home, and trottin along in a deep, desinin way, plottin the downfall uv Amerikin instooshns. He approaches, little dreamin, ef he is a noo-comer, wat is in store for him. He little thinks that noble hearts and watchful eyes and brickbats and sich are awaiting for him, and he trots along. Suddenly the strong hand uv an Amerikin seezes the monster by the throte, and the Amerikin war-cry, "Be Jabers!" and "Oireland to the rescoo!" is heard.

Stricken dumb with astonishment, the artful heathen sinks to his knees and prays for mercy in his outlandish gibberish. Other strrong hands seize his baskets, and breaking his bamboo pole over his head, we stalk hawtily away—with the cloze.

It is a struggle between St. Patrick and Confushus—between enlitened Chrischanity and heathenism. In the interest uv Chrischanity we ginerally kill the heathen with a brick or two, and ef he hez any money we git gloriously drunk on it, thus celebratin, in a trooly Chrischen sperit, our victory over the blind devotees uv idols and sich.

The only drawback to this is, the heathen, ez a rool, hez very little money, and shirts and sox and hankerchers and sich hev becum so common —ther hevin bin a vigrous raid onto the hosts uv sin lately—that the s'loon keepers won't take em for drinks any more, and there is, therefore, occashunly a thirsty Chrischen.

Barney O'Shaughnessy stated a grate trooth yisterday. He sed it wuz providenshul that the Irish people wuz raised up to preserve Amerikin liberties. Dinnis O'Hoolahan ruther spiled it, tho, by remarkin that the

Irish ought to hev somebody's liberties to preserve, ez they hedn't preserved their own very much. "Ef we can't bate the English," sed Dinnis, "we kin bust the haythen, and that's something. Hurroo! Ould Ireland furever!"

I shel stay here ez long ez ther is a dollar in the treasury. I hev a short black pipe in the rim uv my hat, I kin smoke black plug terbacker, and I got ez full ez the best uv em on St. Patrick's day. Ez yoo will see, I hev changed my name slitely, for obvicus reasons.

MICHAEL O'NASBY,
Preserver uv Amerikin Liberties.

THE EVERLASTINGLY BOTHERSOME NEGRO.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 12, 1879.

We are hevin trouble with the niggers here, wich will end, the Lord above only knows where. The bother kin be statid in a few words.

Sich uv the niggers in the vicinity uv the Corners ez don't own their own land—too many uv em do—hev to leese land uv the white citizens, wich is the nateral proprietor uv the soil. Every Kentuckian hez a consoomin desire for the welfare uv the nigger, and that the nigger lessor may be happy and contentid, he lets him hev land for, say, $10 an akre a year, the sed land bein wuth about that in fee simple.

This may be considered exorbitant by the unthinkin, but it will be redily seen that a gentleman can't live and play draw poker, and bet on races on anything less. And then it must be taken into account that the nigger wuz the sustenance uv the proud Cawcashen afore the war, and we see no reson why he shood not be the same now.

And to the end that he shel not git too rich it is alluz incloodid in the leese that the nigger shel buy everything that he eats, drinks and wears uv the owner, and that his crops shel be held by him till all these advances are paid.

It is troo that the nigger generally comes out in debt to the proprietor several hundred dollars; but we hev never bin hard onto em. We hev alluz give em the privilege uv workin out what they owed by cuttin cordwood or gittin out ralerode ties, in the winter, wich, considerin we cood demand cash, is a conseshun.

They are an ongrateful people. Deekin Pogram let one uv em hev twenty akers uv his farm, and the nigger worked it well. He made good crops uv corn and potatoes and sich, and congratulated hisself on the prospeck uv livin comfortable doorin the winter. When the time for settlement come, in the fall, the Deekin took the entire crop and demonstrated to the ongrateful man that he wuz in debt to him eggsackly $200. The nigger coodent understand it, but renewed the lease another yeer, payin off $100 uv his det gittin out ralerode ties in the winter.

This second yeer wuz a tuff one on the Deekin, ez he lost a power uv money at the Looisville races, and consekently in the fall the nigger wuz brot in debt, four hundred dollars. Mirandy Pogram kept the accounts.

Now wat does this cussid ongrateful nigger do? Remarkin that it struck him that ef he kept on workin the Deekin's land, and worked hard and faithfully enuff, he wood, in time, owe more than the nashnel debt, he undertook to leeve for Kansas.

This wuz an attempt at repudiashen, and while a white state may properly repoodiate its indebtednis, a nigger indivijjle kin never be permitted to do it. We nipt this attempt at swindlin the Deekin in the bud. The nigger wuz notified that we must hev his laber, to the end uv developin the resources uv the kentry, and that he must stay and labor, ez he alluz hed done, and be content, ez he shood be.

Despite this warnin, he did git away to the river, and wuz waitin for a down-bound boat, when he wuz mysteriously shot. Who did the richeous act will never be known, but it wuz sed that Issaker Gavitt wuz in that neighborhood, and that jist after the report, smoke wuz seen to issue from the muzzle uv his trusty double-barrelled shot-gun.

Ez ther ain't only one way that we kin do biznis with this people, and ez the case I hev cited is about the regler thing, the niggers are discontentid generally, and are all desirous uv gittin away. They murmur. They say that they ain't allowed to vote, that they can't hev any skools, and that they are robbed uv ther laber, and that ther ain't no redress for em, for the courts and sich are agin em. They can't understand that they are morally our property anyhow—that we wuz originally robbed uv em by that feend Linkin, and that we are entitled to ther labor. Wat kin they want uv skools, when the whites uv this seckshun hev got along without em? Ez for votin, that is absurd. They hevn't the intelligence.

The entire colored populashen hev bin notified that they can't go and must live with us, and enjoy here the blessins uv freedom. But they keep slippin off all the time, and there is the doleful prospeck uv the Corners becomin a desert for want uv labor.

I spose the radikels uv the North will raise a howl agin this, but we don't keer. We hev got poseshun uv the Capital, the Northern Dimocrisy hev resoomed their old posishun, and we kin smile at their protestashuns. Ef we let the niggers off this easy they may consider it lucky.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Wich wuz Postmaster, and hopes to be agin.

HOW THE CORNERS TREATS FREEDMEN.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 22, 1879.

The North is filled with all sorts uv absurd stories uv the treatment the colored citizens are receivin in the South, the desire bein, cleerly, to prejoodis the North agin the Suthern seckshun wich wuz crushed in an unholy croosade agin its rites, and wich hez never recovered from the same.

It is espeshly charged that the cussid nigger has no rites in the courts, and that when opposed by a proud Kentucky Cawcashen he is crowded to the wall, without the slitest chance uv his life. To show the utter nonsense uv this statement, I give a truthful report uv a case tried afore Square Pettus, justice uv the peace for our township.

Simeon Claghorn, ez he calls hisself now, tho he wuz a slave wunst uv that sweet and gilelis saint, Deekin Pogram (wich family he resembles to a degree that made the late Mrs. Pogram infooriated whenever she saw his mother, he hevin the ginooine Pogram nose), wuz a tenant uv the Deekin's, and hez bin for two yeers. He agreed to pay the Deekin $10 a veer per akre for the land, and also agreed to buy his eneire supplies uv

that libral and Chrischen man. At the end uv the first yeer, the Deekin took his entire crop, and brot him in debt suthin like $400, wich the nigger tried to work out in the winter cuttin and gettin out ralerode ties, from the Deekin's wood lot, on wich he hez lived ever sense the crooel war deprived him uv his labor.

The next season the nigger found hisself in debt about $800, and he submitted the matter to Joe Bigler, wich is pizen, and Josef actin ez his attorney, come down on the innosent old Deekin with a demand for a bill uv items. Josef demandid that the nigger hev a kerect account uv the grain and stuff wich he hed turned over to the Deekin, also a itemized account uv the supplies wich the Deekin hed furnished the nigger, that it might be made manifest ez to how the account stood.

The Deekin wuz enraged. "Why shood not my word be taken agin a nigger's?" he demandid. "I never wuz called upon for anything uv the kind afore. It is an outrage!"

But ez Josef stood afore Squire Pettus for the full amount uv the crops wich the Deekin hed taken, the good old man wuz forst to degrade hisself by comin into court agin a Ethiopian. It wrung his sole, but he submitted, ez we all hev hed to do sence the Linkin dynasty.

I helped the Deekin out. The two season's crops footid up $2,000, and I didn't pay any attention to the Deekin's books. I made out a bill charging the nigger with $400 worth uv bacon, $600 worth uv flour, $400 worth uv mules, and the balance, to make his claim good, in silk dresses for his wife, and sich other goods ez sejested theirselves to a fertile imaginashen.

That bill I presentid afore the Justis, wich receeved it with the gravity uv a grand chancellor.

The good old Deekin swore to his account ez he hed it made, wich cleerly established the fact that the nigger owed him $1,200.

The nigger presented another account wich brot the Deekin in debt to him suthin like $600.

Joe Bigler remarked that the Deekin hed hed his sware, and that the nigger shood be put onto the stand to sware to his statement.

I protestid. "Is a nigger, a inferior bein, to come into this court, over wich Justis is supposed figgeratively, to be hoverin, and hev his testimony taken agin one uv the proud Cawcashen race?"

"Square!" exclaimed the Deekin in agony, "am I, a white man, to hev a nigger brot into court to rob me? Ef my bill ain't big enuff to offset hisn and bring him in debt to me, I kin easily amend it. Don't let this gross injustis be done!"

It wuz a critikle and sollum moment. On the decision uv Square Pettus hung the fate uv Kentucky. It wuz a soopreme moment. One minnit uv indecision, one minnit faltrin and the white race uv Kentucky lay grovelin at the feet uv the inferior Afrikin, and we wuz in chanes furever.

Square Pettus was, fortunitly, ekal to the emergency. Risin in his seet, and stiddying hisself at the desk in front uv him, he sed that he knowd the eyes uv Kentucky wuz onto him, and that Kentucky shood never be disappintid.

"I know suthin uv this case," sed the Square, sippin a sip uv Bascom's best, wich he hed sent over to him in a quart bottle, "afore it come into court. I immejitly antissipatid that this plaintiff wood demand to be sworn, and that on this joodishel arena the inferior Afrikin and the sooperior Cawcashun wood meet in final conflict. I prepared myself. I went and got a man wich cood read, and hed him go thro the statoots uv the

state uv Kentucky, passed prior (which ez I am informed means before) the late unholy croosade. I found there a statoot wich perhibits the takin uv the testimony uv a nigger in a court uv justis, wich this is. It is troo that the Federal yusurpashen made other laws, but a Kentuckian don't recognize that. A Kentucky justis only recognizes his own state, wich is sovren. Recognizin only Kentucky, spittin onto an abolishn Congress, and ignorin everything else, it is the yunanimus decision uv this yere court that all Fedrel laws recognizin the rites uv the cussid Afrikin is unconstitooshnel, and that therefore his testimony cannot be admitted. I stand by my state."

"But my wife never hed a silk dress, nor anythin but a caliko one," howled the nigger.

'It don't make no difference wat yoo say," replied the justis. "The Deekin, wich is a Cawcashun, swares that yoor wife hed four silk dresses uv him, and ez yoo can't be allowed to sware at all, ther ain't no testimony agin hizzen. This is a court uv law, and law is law, ez yoo will find out. Git one white man to sware that yoo never got them dresses, and I will consider it."

"I demand to be put on the stand," sed Joe Bigler.

"The court can't admit yoor testimony, for yoo are a prejudist witnis."

Josef laffed and left the court, much to the squire's releef, wich continnered:

"I may say, however, that there may be no misunderstandin, that I, ez a indivijjle, and not ez a court, will shoot any white cuss that dares to come into this court and sware for a nigger."

And that sturdy old Spartan cocked his double-barreled shot gun, and sot down.

"I may ez well decide the case here and now," sed the square, after a moment's thought. "Verdict for the plaintiff, and the constable will immejitly go for the defendant and make him put up everything he's got for the costs."

The bill uv costs wuz immejitly made out, and the constable rushed out to the mizrable wretch's house, and took wat furniture he hed.

Now wat did this ongrateful nigger do? Despite the fact that the Deekin wantid him to keep rite along, and live in peece and quiet, and plant his little farm, and work it thro the season, and reap the harvest, that nigger got together some little money from the sale uv a mule wich we overlooked, it bein pastered out uv site uv the house, and started for Kansas. He utterly refoosed to stay among his friends and pertectors, preferrin to rely upon the cold mercies uv a calkilatin, selfish Northern community, rather than trust them ez he hed bin brought up amidst.

The ongratefulnis uv this peopie is suthin beyond understandin. They don't know when they are well enuff off, and they never did know who their friends wuz. I shall never attempt to do nuthin more for em. They don't appreshate us. Over a hundred uv em hev left already, leavin us without laber, and more wood go, ef they cood sell their accumulashens wich they hev robbed us uv.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Caucashun.

THE CORNERS ON THE ARMY BILL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
April 29, 1879.

The Corners hez more enterprise than eny other pint in the Confedracy. We are very prompt to act in political matters, for ez we never plant or reap we hev plenty uv time to devote to the kentry.

The moment the army bill wuz passed we met to organize. We don't propose to let grass grow under our feet. The only cloud that hez hung over the Corners for all the dreary yeers sence the war is the fear of Fedral interference. We wuz actilly afeerd uv that, and consekently sum three hundred niggers hev bin allowed to vote here, wich they hev done rite reglerly, and, wo is us! they hev votid the radikel tickit with a regelarity that is friteful.

They will do so no more. Now that the bayonits uv Fedrel minyuns cannot be yoosed to pertect em, we shel run things in our own way. We shel exercise our rites ez freemen, and shel not permit a inferior race to overawe us and pervent that free expression uv opinyun at the poles that is the birthright uv every Suthern citizen.

We met and organized to-wunst. The follerin resolooshens wuz passed:

Wareas, The exercise uv the ballot by ignerent niggers uv Afrikin descent—

Deekin Pogram askt whether all niggers wuzn't uv Afrikin descent?

Joe Bigler, wich wuz present, sed ef any one wood take an inventory uv the niggers in the Corners, he wood diskiver that a great many uv em cood clame to belong to the first families uv Kentucky, on one side at leest. But I went camly on—

Is unconstitooshnel, and agin the interest uv the roolin Cawcashun race, onless the sed niggers will consent to vote ez the sooperior race dictates; and

Wareas, The only thing that can give em the ballot is the overshadderin influoence uv Fedrel bayonits; and

Wareas, A Dimocratic Congris hez made it impossible for Fedrel bayonits to interfere to preserve wat they call the peece, releevin us uv that incubus,

Resolved, That the Corners do to-wunst organize itself, to the end uv preservin the purity uv the ballot box by excloodin all citizens uv Afrikin descent, wich dont vote with the Dimocratic party.

Resolved, To the end uv preservin the peece, every nigger that comes with a Republikin ticket to the poles shel be allowed jist one minit to change his tickit to a strate Dimekratic one, and ef he persists in his nefarious designs, his hed shel be immejitly blowed off in the interest uv peace and quiet.

Resolved, That the formashen uv a speshl poleece, armed with double-barrelled shot-guns, to pervent the polushen uv the ballot box by nigger votin, shel be entrustid to Issaker Gavitt, Esq.

Issaker went at it, and he hed his club enrolled to-wunst. He hez a hundred men, all uv em with shot-guns, wich will patrol the country on next election day, and any nigger that hez not a proper tikkit will either change it, or be to-wunst killed. Deekin Pogram contribbitid two pounds uv powder, and the rest uv the citizens showed ekal zeal and liberality.

I can't be too happy over this bill. It gives us our rites agin. Ez citizens we kin arm ourselves and attend the poles and kill ez many radi-

kels, black and white, ez we choose, but ther can't be no armed possee cum aganst us to pervent it. Ef we cood hev dictatid to Congris wat they shood hev passed they coodent hev sooted us better. Ther is now a law agin the government barin arms at the poles, but ther ain't no law watever agin our doin it. We've got em, halleloojy! Ef Hayes don't veto it, we are jist in the posishen we want. Ef he does veto it, the cuss uv every troo Southerner wich rallied under the stars and bars will foller him thro this world and the next.

Ef the frodulent President Hayes don't veto this bill, the kentry may look for an increest Dimocratic majority from this deestrik, unless these unreasonable niggers all manage to get out to Kansas. In that event we shel be ez we wood hev bin, only ef they go in consekence uv wat they foolishly call bein deprived uv their rites, the sooperior race will be starved out in consekence uv hevin no labor, and we may hev to emigrate also. But we hope for the best. Issaker says that with his shot gun brigade he thinks he can compel em all to stop, ez he perposes to patrol the river banks, and turn all uv em back who want to git away, and forse em to resoom labor on sich terms ez we shel dictate.

Ther ain't nothin like organizashen. By organizashen we compel the niggers to stay with us, and also pervent em from votin. Ther is everything in system. The Corners is jubilant. This army bill sloves the problem uv the age and we are happy. We hev the nigger by the wool, jist ez we yoost to hev him, and everything is serene.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Waitin and Hopin.

A MEETING AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 26, 1879.

The citizens uv the Corners hev bin profoundly moved by the sitooashen uv things in Washington, and felt called upon to make some expression uv their feelins on the topiks that are now agitatin the kentry.

The Corners felt called upon to express in a public manner that it recognizes the result uv the late war, and desires nuthin so much ez peece and quiet; that it fully recognizes the fact that the nigger (d—n him) is free, and entitled to rites; and that the Corners is trooly loyal to the Government uv the Yoonitid States.

I called the meetin at the meetin-house, the scene uv so many demonstrations, and a committee uv ladies, headed by Mrs. Bascom, prepared it for the sollum okkashun. It wuz draped with the flags uv the different Confedrit regiments wich wuz raised in this seckshun, and that the proper excitement mite be perdoosed, all the relics uv the war wuz brot out and displayed. Deekin Pogram's dawtor Mirandy hed on each side uv the pulpit desk the skulls uv two Federel hirelins wich her lover brot from Bull Run, illuminated with candles, wich wuz flanked by the thigh bones uv several other hirelins wich Capt. McPelter brot from Andersonville. The drum wich Issaker Gavitt beet at Fort Pillow wuz draped with a battle flag Simon Pettus kerried at the same victory, and other mementoes uv the great struggle for liberty uv the South wuz properly displayed.

The percession filed out uv Bascom's, the men dressed in Confedrit gray, and the wimmen hevin the colors uv the Confedracy in miniatoor pinned to their left brests, hedid by a fife and drum, under the stars and bars, and playin "the Bonny Bloo Flag."

Uv course I made the openin speech. I repelled with skorn the accusashun that the South hed any idee that ther wuz any feelin uv disloyalty at the Corners. The Corners wuz defeeted in its struggle for human rites, and the perpetooashen uv Afrikin slavery, and hevin bin defeeted acceptid the sitooashen. The Corners, espeshly, wile it cood never forgit how crooelly it hed bin disappinted in not pre ervin its hevin-born rites, wuz ez loyal ez any similar place, and desired to live in peece and harmony with ther brethren uv the North.

Deekin Pogram repelled with sko n the akkusashun that ther wuz any difference between the two races at the Corners. Here peece and quiet rains, and there hed bin no trouble. He knew uv 200 niggers wich wuz very quiet, thanks to the shot-guns uv the intrepid Gavitt and the shivalrous McPelter. And ef this wretched race persoomed to make any more trouble, ther wuz, thank hevin, still powder and buckshot in the Corners, and gallant men who never missed a nigger's head, when they drawd a bead onto it. The nigger hed learned his place, and he cood ashoor his frends uv the North that he wood never trubble nobody, and that he cood safely be left to the guidance uv his nateral pertectors, his former masters. And then he demandid freedom uv eleckshuns. He wantid em free, ez they wuz afore the war, when the citizens uv the Corners cood hang a Ablishnist wich offered to vote, without feer uv the interferin uv Fedrel bayonits. The South must be free.

The follerin resolooshens, prepared by myself, wuz then red and adoptid:

Wareas, Ther is in the North a feelin that the Corners is irritatid, and discontentid, and that ther is a feelin agin the general government, wich we feel it our dooty to allay, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Corners is trooly loyal and entirely in akkord with the Fedrel government and will be alluz, pervidid it kin git its rites.

Resolved, That these rites are ez follers:

1. The payment uv Suthern war clames, and the penshunin uv Suthern soljers. (Cheers.)

2. The adopshen uv the prinsipple that the Yoonyun is a Confederashun, not a nashun, and the akkordin uv the rite uv each state to remain in or stay out, jist ez it pleases.

3. That the Yoonyun is a nashun for the purposis uv payin clames, penshuns and bildin custom housis and sich, but for no other purposis.

4. No troops shel be yoosed at the poles anywhere in the South, except on the call uv a Confedrit guvnor, the citizens uv the South bein supplied with rifles and shot guns and bein thoroly organized in White Leagues, bein amply able to take keer of theirselves.

5. All ralerodes and canals wich the South shel decide it wants shel be bilt by the general government, it bein a nashun ez aforesed, for that purpus.

6. The harbors uv Boston and Noo York shel be filled up at the expense uv the general government that the seaboard cities uv the Sunny South may hev a show for some uv the furrin trade uv the kentry.

7. That the nigger bein an inferior bein and only understood by us shel be left entirely to our rool and guidance. No more legislashen by the general government—wich for this purpus is not a nashen—on his akkount.

8. The wipin out uv all the legislashen uv the war period, the South not bein in Congris to give its assent, hevin a Congris uv its own at the time, and the concession on the part uv the North to the South uv the controle uv the government in full, ez it yoosed to be under Polk, Pierce and Bookannon.

9. That the tax on distillin likker shel not be collectid in the Confedrit states, the Yoonyun bein not a nashun for that purpus.

10. The veto power shel not be yoosed, except by a Suthern President, or a Northern one electid by Suthern votes, wich is the same thing, it bein crooel to keep us out uv the controle uv the government till 1880.

Resolved, That ontil these things, one and all, is done, ther kin be no harty feelin uv yoonyun, and ef ther is another fratrisidle struggle the responsibility rests with them ez denies us these, our reasonable demands.

The resoloosheus wuz adoptid with great cheerin, and the meetin adjourned. On cur way back to Bascom's we burned a nigger school house, and I beleeve a nigger or two wich we met wuz shot. We are troo to the Yoonyun and entirely peeceful.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Loyalist.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS DISCUSS THE ARMY BILL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
June 2, 1879.

There wuz a sad meetin at Bascom's, the nite we heerd uv the President's veto uv the Army bill. A feelin uv gloom pervadid the room, and ther wuz a sadnis that wuz painfully vizable on every face. Deekin Pogram hed succeedid in borrerin two dollars uv a Northern vagabond wich wuz prospectin the Corners with a view uv startin a baggin mill, on Secesshun Crik, and but for that we shood hev sunk under the new trubble thet hed come upon us. The Deekin is libral when he hez the means, and managed to keep up, wich we did for some time, likker bein redoosed now to five cents. Ther wuz forty drinks in that sum, to say nothin uv three rounds we got out uv Capt. McPelter, whose credit is not yit eggsaustid.

"We shel hev a regiment at the poles here next fall," sighed the good old man, "and every cussid nigger in Libertyville will vote, jist the same ez tho they wuz troo Kentuckians."

"Ain't they troo Kentuckians?" asked Josef Bigler, wich wuz present, ez he alluz is when we don't want h m. "Ain't they born on the soil, and don't the most uv them hev the best blood uv Kentucky coursin thro ther vanes? The heft uv em are three-quarters white, and they must hev got it from Kentuckians, ez none uv their mothers ever left the state."

We paid no attenshun to the ribald skoffer.

"Time wuz," sed Capt. McPelter, "when we hed it in our power to keep a Yankee from votin here, to say nothin uv niggers, wich never dreemed uv sich a thing."

"Ah!" sed Issaker Gavitt, his eye litin up with a momentary enthoosiasm, "I remember in 1859, uv hangin a Yankee skool teacher who insistid on votin a Ablishn tikkit. The tree is still standin, and alluz shel stand ez a momentum uv days forever fled."

"We kin stand it," I remarkt, "for we are yoosed to bein ground down under the iron heel uv oppresshn."

"Never saw any soljers at the poles here," sed Bigler.

"We are yoost to bein ground down," I continyood, not heedin the interrupshen; "but alas fer our frends in the North! With soljers at the poles, and with the supervisor system continyood, wat will the Irish in Noo York do? Wat will the O'Briens and the O'Shaughnessys, and the hosts uv faithful Dimokrats wich vote from mornin till nite, do, when a tiranikle government interferes with glissnin steel to prevent em? Methinks I see the faithful patriot wich hez votid a dozen times langishin

in a basteel, and for wat? Oh for the days uv Tilden and Holman, when the patriotic impulses uv a Irish citizen run and wuz glorified."

"It is thunderin bad," sed Joe Bigler, "to think uv a lazy patriot like Claflin only votin wunst when Teddy O'Brien, who puts in a whole day uv it, hez to be arrestid and basteeled. It is shockin."

"Wait till another Presidenshel elecshun," sed Bascom; "then the Dimocrisy will git its rites. There will be no Ablishnist general in the chare to interpose his veto. Then we shel hev wat we want. The Confedrit soljers will hev ther penshuns, and our clames for property destroyed by the Linkin's feends will be paid. I see a glorious prospeck!" sed Bascom, his eyes litin up very like a prophet's. "I see Confedrit soljers comin into this bar in droves, and eech uv em payin for ther drinks jist afore takin uv em, to prevent mistakes. I see the akkounts that yoo hev bin runnin up doorin all these dark days balanced, and the money in the till. I see the credit system for drinks abolished and the Corners come back to cash on the nale, and no tick. I see—"

"Yes," sed I, being suddenly prophetised, "I see armies uv men employed in dredgin out Secession Crik, to make it navigable. I see a custom house ez big ez that uv Noo York agoin up in the Corners, I see the Suthern Pacific ralerode bilt, and I see a plank rode from here to Secessionville, with other internal improvements, too tejus to menshun, and every one uv em at the expense uv the nashnel government, wich for the purpose only uv Suthern improvements is a nashun. And ez the North pays about nineteen-twentieths uv the taxis, there is where we shel hev our revenge. The North will pay and the South will reap the benefit uv it. Little did the North know wat it wuz a doin when it took us back."

"And I see," sed Issaker Gavitt, "the South in full control uv the government to do ez it pleases with it. I see the Northern Dimocrisy in their proper place, askin us umbly wat we want. I see a Congris uv Southern brigadeers—I see Northern Congrismen apologisin for assistin in raisin troops to conker us, and bringin forth froots meet for repentance by givin us everything we ask for. I see the Suthern soljer on a level with the Fedrel soljer, and a leetle ahed. I see the bloo takin orf its hat to the gray, and I see Dekorashen day in the North abolished, tho for one, bein generus, I am willin, ef they want to dekorate the graves uv ther ded, they may, ef they will do it in the nite, without any moosic, or parade, wich is offensive to us. I see—"

"I am goin into the prophet biznis," sed Joe Bigler, "only I am goin to prophesy backerds, wich is the safest. I see a Dimekratic party wich got into power by aksident, and hedn't sense enuff to keep its hold. I see a set uv unconscionable asses in the South who supose that the North, wich eggregiously whaled us wunst, ain't jist ez ready to do it agin. I see a seckshun uv kentry popelated by a klass uv people wich don't know kindnis and mercy when they see it, and wich mistakes clemency for cowardis. And to take a handspring into the futur, I see an eleckshun in Ohio this fall, wich will clene out the Dimocrisy completely and pave the way for the eleckshun uv Grant in 1880, with a Congris behind him wich will take mity good care that the South will git jist wat she deserves and no more. I see the prinsiple uv States' rites squelched, and the old Federel idee more firmly established than ever. I see the Corners remainin jist ez it is, onless the citizens exchange Bascom's bar for their corn-feelds, and git to considerin a skool-house ez uv more importance than a quarter race-track. I see the niggers gittin out uv here, and leevin the kentry

without labor, becoz the white citizens hevn't got sense enuff to recognize the fact that they are men, and give em the rites that blong to em. I see—but wat's the yoose. Yoo never learn anything or forgit anything."

And after this depressin pece uv prophesy, Josef rolled off with the remark that we wood find that he wuz a troo prophet. Perhaps he is. But I got all I wantid to drink for an hour or two.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Depresst.

MR. NASBY IN WASHINGTON.

Washington,
(Wich is in the Deestrik of Columby),
Joon 7, 1870.

It's a long time sence I trod the streets uv the Fedrel City. Ef I remember arite I hevn't bin here sence the saintid Johnson's time, when I reseeved from the hands uv that gilelis patriot my commishun ez Postmaster at the Cross-Roads, wich wuz ruthlessly torn from me by that military tirant, Grant. It hez changed much, and, I thank hevin, for the better.

Washington hez bin attacked by the Confedrits at two different periods. From 1861 to 1865 they failed to possess it, but ther second invashun wuz more successful. They hev it now. In the Capitol wich is the nashen's pride, I see ez many military men in posseshen ez ever, but thank the Lord they ain't the same kind. The "gol-darn" uv the Northern man is heerd no more, and in its place my eers is delited with the more familyer "dog-gon" uv the Sunny South. No more is my feelins aggravatid by seein the tall man from Maine—the hatchet-faced Rhode Islander or the stout Pennsylvanyan in the Capitol holdin offis. They are gone, and the swarthy Southerner fills ther places and draws their salaries.

There are one-armed and one-legged Northern soljers enuff here, but they are walkin the streets. They ain't in place no more, 'ceptin those wich is in the departments controlled by the minyuns uv Hayes, and thank Hevin, when we elect a Dimecratic President in 1880, we'll cleen em out. Ef the Confedracy can't controle by the bullet, it will by the baliot.

I wuz never more encuridged in my life. The bar room is crowded with Southern patriots, and they are now in favor. It filled my eyes with teers to reed a petition for the appointment uv a Georgia man to a position under the clerk uv the Senit. I've seen them petitions afore. They used to reed that the party named hed lost a leg at Gettysburg and an eye at Fair Oaks while gallantly carrying the Stars and Stripes in defence uv the Fedrel government. They reed quite differently now. They all set forth that the petitioner lost his legs or arms or eyes, ez the case may be, in carryin the Stars and Bars in defense uv the Confedracy, and that his sacrifice for the South entitled him to recognition.

I wuz amused at one Dimekrat from the interior uv Injeany wich hedn't heerd uv the change. He in a moment uv insanity forgot his party obligations and volunteered in the Fedrel army. He come on here with one leg and his honorable discharge from the servis, to get a place.

He wuz sternly rebookt, and very quickly made to know that he pinted his rifle the wrong way to hope for a place in Washington. The posishen he wuz after wuz given to one uv the heroic men who fought at Fort Pillow. He may git a place after suffishent repentence, but I doubt it.

I am wunst more happy. The Confederacy is a success after all. We

shel carry Ohio this fall, and that makes a Dimekrat President in 1880. Then—but the prospeck is too gorgus to think about. Oh, how I long for the day to come!

"Fly swiftly round, ye wheels uv time,
And bring the welcome day."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

THE DOLEFUL HISTORY OF CAPT. McPELTER

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1879.

Capt. McPelter is on the fence. He isn't certin whether it is his dooty to go over into Ohio at the ensooin eleckshun, and repeet for Ewing, or the actooal Nashnel candidate Piatt. He is in doubt becoz he can't make up his mind wich wood most further the grate coz uv onlimitid money, to wich he is devotid hart and sole. Watever other prinsiples the captin may be shaky on, he is ez firm ez a rock on this, and when the circumstances uv the case is taken into akkount, I can't blame him.

At the close uv the late onpleasantnis Captain McPelter wuz a rooined man. The feend Linkin hed emansipatid his niggers, wich left him without laber, and consekently he never raised no crops. John Morgan hed capcherd his mules, while the Captin wuz in the Confedrit army, and a tyrant government refoosed to pay him a cent for them, becoz, forsooth, a Confedrit commander confiscatid his property, and becoz he wuz in the Confedrit servis. He wuz left with a thousand akers uv land jist out uv the village, wich wuz worth say $5 a aker.

But that land, wich wuz his rooin, become his salvashen. The flood uv greenbax wich poured over the land irrigatid the Cross-Roads. Ez everybody hed his pokkits full uv greenbax in the North they cum South to invest it. Ther wuz a helthy wildnis in the air for them ez hed land. It is troo, there wuzn't any actooal call for any more people at the Cross-Roads than wat wuz there already. Ther wuzn't no new factries started, nor no new industries developed, wich wood support people, and noboddy hed the disposishun to start new enterprises, for ther wuz so much money to be made in spekilatin in reel estate.

The Captin wuz supprised one day at bein offered $10 a aker for his land. He wuz too dumb-foundid to sell, and before he rekovered he wuz offered $20. Then he opened his eyes. He saw a way to make up for his losses. He refoosed to sell, and imejitly follered the example uv them ez hed bought, and laid it out into "McPelter's First Addishn to Confedrit Cross-Roads." He borrered money to grade streets, and to plant shade trees, to make the addishn attractive, and then he commenst to sell lots.

They went off like hot cakes. People wood buy em, and pay $600 a piece, payin down $10, and givin a mortgage on em for the odd $590, payable in one, two and three years, with interest. Then they wood turn around and sell em for $1,000, taking $20 down, with the same terms, and so on.

It wuz a gorgus time. Capt. McPelter hed to buy a safe, wich he did on credit, to hold his sekoorities. That thousand akers uv land netted him neerly a quarter uv a million, and the down payments kept him in comfort. Bein rich, Mrs. McPelter bot herself silk dresses (on credit), and the Captin set up a pair uv horses and a kerridge, wich he bot (on credit), and

he rebilt his house (on credit), makin it a elegant mansion for an opulent Amerikin gentleman.

Not bein satisfied with the wealth he hed akkoomulated, in notes and mortgagis on his own land, the Captain embarkt in wider spekelashens. He went a mile or two beyond his own land, and bot all he cood buy at $1,000 a aker, and laid them out. The cows wuz turned off that land, and surveyors surveyed, warin injy rubber boots ez perteckshun agin rattlesnakes. And McPelter's Second and Third Addishun to the Cross-Roads wuz throwed into the markit.

Ez it wuz with McPelter so it wuz with pretty much everybody else. The guverment wuz isshooin greenbax by the milyun, and people spekilated. In them days yoo coodn't buy a rusty nale but wat yoo cood sell it next mornin at a advance of 3 or 4 hundred per cent. We wuz happy, for everybody hed credit, and things wuz a boomin.

But ther cum an end to it. Everybody hed lots to sell, but when the guvernment cum to begin to pay its debts, and to stop ishooin its milyuns a day, nobody wantid em. Deekin Pogram wantid to know uv Capt. McPelter what wuz the yoose uv askin $600 for a quarter uv an aker uv ground, wich wuz only worth $5 a aker, onless people cum to live on it, wich they wuzn't doin to any alarmin degree. Then Sherman kept on payin the nashnel debt, ther wuzn't no yoose fur the Captin's ground for dwellin purposes, and so little by little his spekilashens went under. Them ez hed his lots on credit, didn't pay for em, but them uv whom he hed bot kerridges, hoses, and silk gowns, and sich, come down on him, and he is to-day a cleened out man.

Wat Capt. McPelter demandid is a stoppage uv all this rooinous policy wich hez put his lands back into its original status ez cow pasters. He holds the government responsible for his failyoor. He sez:

"Ef the government hed kept on ishooin greenbax, several milyuns a day, and not attemptid to pay the nashnel debt at all, it wood hev bin different. The government hez rooined me. I wuz a selin my cow-pasters for city lots, till the feend Sherman contractid. I demand," sez Capt. McPelter, "that the ishoo uv greenbax be immejitly resoomed. A greenback costs the government nothin, and ef enuff uv em are ishood, my lands will agin sell for city lots. Ef enuff uv em are ishood the quarter uv a million uv mortgages wich I hold will be paid, and then—"

"And then wat?" asked Joe Bigler.

"And then," resoomed the Captin, "I kin realize and retire with a competency."

"Wich means," sed Josef, "that yoo will onload yoor cow pasters on the next generation uv idiots, and git out from under in time to save yoorself, wich yoo wuzn't smart enuff to do the last time. Isn't that about the size uv it?"

"I shood convert my sekoorities into Yoonitid States bonds, I suppose."

"And then," sed Josef, "'spose the parties to wich yoo sell shood insist that the government shood keep on ishooin green-bax that they mite save theirselves by unloadin their land on the next batch uv fools, wat wood yoor Yoonitid States bonds be wuth? It kinder strikes me that ez long ez the biznis uv the Cross-Roads only demands a popelashen uv three hunderd and fifty, yoo don't actilly need city-lots for a popelashen uv a hunderd thousand, and that ef yoo git the hundred thousand price in a village uv three hunderd and fifty, either yoor buyers are asses, or the

money they pay ain't good for nothin. In the end somebody hez got to be bit, and ez the end hez got to come sometime, I don't see why this isn't ez good a time ez cood be. Yoo hed the benefit uv the rise—yoo dressed in purple and fine linen while it lastid, and why shoodent you take the loss uv the decline? It's easy enuff to call a cow paster city lots, but yoo hev a city somewhere in the vicinity to make em city lots, actilly. Ef yoo want to be very rich yoo kin mark up $10 land to $1,000, and consider yourself ez bein opulent, but yoo want to sell it for that, and git paid in suthin that will buy suthin else. Captain, yoor land is wuth jist ez much now ez it ever wuz."

"Josef," sed McPelter, "you don't know nothin about finance. Ther is no reason why the government shood not print ez much money ez the wants uv the people require, and I require—"

The bold Captin wood hev continyood his disquisishun, but seein the sheriff comin in the front door, with a writ on account uv the hosses and kerridge his wife hed bin ridin in, he deemed it expedient to git out the back way, ex suddin ez he cood.

I agree with the Captin. Wat we want is an onlimitid ishoo uv paper money, that every man in the Corners kin git all that his wants reqwire. I don't want the government to go around and give everybody wat money he or she thinks they need, but I want it expendid on necessary works. We want a custom house here, we want Seceshun Crik made navigable, and we want a guverment ralerode to connect with the main line to Looisville, that freight on our likker may be redoost, and these improvements wood be suffishent to put two or three milyuns into cirkelashen. Ef the rest uv the South claim ez much, and git it, the vollum uv currency will be swelled to wat we reqwire, and Capt. McPelter's lots will agin hev some valyoo.

I know not wat Capt. McPelter may do, but I shel heeve my inflooence in favor uv anybody wich is in favor uv these measures, alluz incloodin the payment uv Southern clames and penshunin Southern soljers. Hevin served in the Looisiana Pelikins, I must insist on these two measures. I ruther think the good old Dimekratic party is good enuff for sich ez me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Finanseer.

THE SAD HISTORY OF MR. SAMUEL POPMAN, DRUGGIST.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 1, 1879.

The most intense Greenbacker we hev in the Corners is Samyooel Popman, the drugger at Secessionville. Popman does nothin from mornin till nite but devise finanshel skeems for the payment uv the nashnel debt, wich, ez he hezn't never bin able to pay any uv his own, he is entirely competent to do. The history uv Sam. Popman is one uv the saddest that hez grown out uv Sherman's crooel polisy.

In 1861 Sam Popman wuz a drugger at Seceshunville, hevily in debt. He owed for his stock uv drugs, and he owed for the cloze his wife wore, and also for them wich adorned his person. So desprit wuz Samyooel's forchoons, in consekence uv his predilecshun for hoss races and draw poker, and sich, that he serously contemplatid skippin to Texas, and embarkin in the generally poplar and allus profitable biznis uv steelin hosses on the Mexikin border.

The inflashen uv the currency consekent upon the expenses uv the

war changed Samyooel's career. He found his stock uv drugs goin up 25 per cent a day. Jollop wich he owed for at the rate uv six cents a pound shot up to 20, to 30, to 50, to anything he chose to ask for it, and it kept shootin up and up till the little stock he hed uv $5,000 wuz wuth $50,000, and no matter wat he bot, it went up on his hands, and Samyooel found hisself wuth a $100,000 in no time.

Uv course Samyooel to-wunst commenst to live in a style commensurate with his increesed means. He went and bilt an addishn to his house, puttin on two wings and an extenshun back, bildin in fact completely around the old house, and puttin another story on the top. Then his wife immejitly got two hired girls, and his two dawters wuz sent to a seminiry in Looisville. Samyooel for his own pleasure invested in a fast trottin horse and jined the Kentucky club in Looisville, and played poker ez much ez he pleased, and he pleased to do a good deel uv it. It didn't make a partikle uv difference, for every dollar uv goods he bot doubled on his hands every day or two. Mrs. Popman utterly refoosed to do any work uv any kind, and spent the heft uv her time tryin on dresses, wich she bot in Looisville, and takin excursions to that city, to wear em. It wuz rather a gorgus time for the Popmans.

In 1873 Samyooel diskivered there wuz a change. The war hed bin over some time, and the debt wich it hed cost hed to be paid. Samyooel didn't see any necessity for payin it at all. Samyooel hed lived out all the profits he hed made by the raise in the valyoo uv his goods, and hed gone hevy into reel estate. He hed bot a large amount uv lands, wich hed bin goin up jist the same as drugs, and hed bot em all on credit. He hedn't made any down payments, but in place uv actooal money down on his noo purchisis, he hed given mortgagis on the property bot, and also on his house and store, and sich other real and personal property ez he hed. It worried him.

Ez the kentry, under Sherman's rooinous polisy, began to git down to a gold basis, drugs begun to drop 10 per cent a day, instid uv risin 20, and reel estate commenst to foller drugs and sich, with friteful accooracy. The land wich he hed agreed to pay $1,000 a aker for, he coodent sell for $15, owing to the fact that nobody wantid it, and the quinine he hed paid $4 a ounce fur, dropped to $2.25. Consekently Samyooel wuz fust to succom, and he wuz scooped.

The other drugger in Secessionville wuz another kind uv a man. He acceptid the raise on his stock doorin the war period in a Chrischen sperit uv thankfulness, and hived, very keerfully, all the money it made him. He lived in the same old house thro it all; his wife continnered, in a Chrischen way, to bake her own buckwheat cakes and do her own washin, and he sot his face like a flint agin fast hosses and expensive likkers. And this wuz wat worried Samyooel. When the turn cum, his opposishun hed plenty uv money in bank, and he marked down his goods with the same childlike and Chrischen sperit that in 1862 he marked em up. He sed to hisself. "I hed the benefit uv the rise—I will take the consekences uv the fall, blessed be the name uv the Lord," and he went right along, and continnered to do biznis and prosper while the sheriff wuz closin out Samyooel. The other drugger never howled about hard times.

Samyooel Popman firmly believes that he wuz destroyed by Sherman, and I agreed with him. Hed Sherman gone on ishooin twenty milyuns uv greenbax a day, and payin em out, for hosses and mules and army supplies, the greenbax wood hev continnerd to go up, and so wood Samyooel's

drugs and his out-lots. And as all Samyooel's drugs hed to do in them halcyon days wuz to mark up the prices uv his goods every mornin, he cood hev continnered to keep his fast hoss, and Mrs. Samyooel cood hev continnered to live in Looisville, and bot satin dresses. Mr. Samyooel feels it keenly. In the time before the prosperus days he wuz contentid with sod-corn whisky and stogy segars, but his appetite got attooned to shampane and Havannas, and he finds it exceedingly diffikult to go back to the simple arcadian habits uv former times. Mrs. Samyooel hez got her hand out in cookin and sich, and she utterly refooses to go back to the habits uv the old times, and consekently ther is trubble in the Popman household. The dawters hev bin brot home from the seminary at Looisville, and they cast contoomely on ther father, wich hezn't meens to keep em in the luxury they hev bin for ten yeers accustomed to.

This is only one case in a thousand here. Whene'er I take my walks abroad I see men bustid, and leenin agin lamp-posts, moanin and wringin their hands in despair. They hev paster-lots wich they cut up into city lots, wich are gradooally growin up into huckleberry pasters, and won't sell for nothin. They took to their old places uv biznis, wher they used to chirp cheerfully ez they marked up the price uv ther goods, and wher they thot nothin uv takin a ten-dollar note every day for likker and cigars, becoz they cood afford it, and they see other men in poseshun workin nite and day to support their families in comfort, and these men lay their rooin to Sherman, ez I do.

It is a crooel outrage. It costs the government nothin to print money, and ther is no reason why it shood not hev kep on printin currency. What is a government for? It is for the people? Is not Samyooel Popman one uv the people? Then why shood the government cultivate a taste in Samyooel Popman for fast hosses and shampane, and then, jist for the sake uv payin off a debt, contract the currency and rooin him?

The other drugger at Secessionville remarkt that ef Samyooel hed saved the money he made by inflashun he wood hev bin safe agin the effect uv contrackshun. But that hed no sense into it. Inflashun shood hev bin perpetooal. When a temperance man sez to me that he wood like to get drunk uv a nite, only for the reackshun that follows when he gits sober, I alluz remark that the troo safe-guard agin that is never to hev no reackshun—to keep drunk all the time. The prinsiple I foller as to likker is the one I wood hev adoptid in finance. To avoid the reackshun that follers inflashun, I shood never stop it. Keep on inflatin. John Sherman don't understand finance at all.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Troo Finanseer.

THE EXPERIENCE OF PETER PEGGOTY, STOREKEEPER.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 10, 1879.

I met yesterday Mr. Peter Peggoty, a merchant, or ruther a ex-merchant, uv Davisville, a adjoinin village, from whom, in the halcyon days uv yore, it wuz no trouble for me watever to borrer sich sums uv money ez my wants required. I struck him wunst in 1873 for ez much ez $18.75. I alluz make it a pint to borrer odd sums, they bein jist the amount I find necessary to meet sum obligashen. It looks biznis like, for ef a man sez "twenty," in round numbers, the impresshn that he is a mere mercen-

ary borrerer, alluz obtanes, and makes the operashun more difficult. It makes a great difference whether you step into a man's store leisurely, and say, "Peggoty, old feller, lend me a twenty!" or whether yoo rush in with a paper in yoor hand, and say, all out uv breath, "Mr. Peggoty, I wuz a passin thro and I met a man to whom I owe $18.75, and I am extremely anxus to pay him, and I hevn't a cent about me, will yoo oblige me with that amount until I git home?" Yoo only loose $1.25, and yoor chances uv gittin it are trebled.

But this is a digreshun. I beleeve I am gittin garrulus in my old age, but then soljers love to "sholder crutches and show how feelds wuz won."

Mr. Peggoty commenst biznis in 1863, with no capital at all ceptin $200 wich his wife inherited from a aunt wich opportoonly deceest. In them days credit wuz easily prokoored. The kentry wuz prosperus. The government wuz a payin out milyuns every day, and oats wuz a dollar or more, cotton wuz any price yoo chose to ask for it, wheat wuz $2.50 a bushel, and a spavined horse wuz wuth, for the army, anywhere from $200 to $400. Things wuz a boomin, ez they alluz do when currency is onlimited and onrestrictid. Mr. Peggoty took his $200, and went to Looisville, and bought a stock uv goods, and commenst store-keepin. He bot a stock uv $6,000 wuth, the odd $5,800 bein on credit, uv course.

He prospered exceedinly. He cood sell ez many goods ez he wantid, for the people hed money to buy with, and his store wuz thronged from morning till nite. Money jist rolled in onto him, and he retired to bed every nite feelin that he wuz rich, and he wondered that anybody shood be poor when money wuz so easily made.

Uv course Mr. Peggoty enlarged his stile uv livin suthin in akkordance with his enlarged meens. Why shood he not? He hed onlimitid credit in Looisville, his goods wuz bein markt up every day, and he bilt him a noo house, uv course, and it need not be remarkt that it wuz furnished in the most gorgus stile. He hed a pair uv horses and a kerridge for Mrs. Peggoty to air herself in, and his oldest son went to Harvard, and his dawters to a seminary in Cincinnati. He bilt a addishen to his new house the second season, and his stables wuz probably the most gorgus uv any in Kentucky.

Mrs. Peggoty yoost to git somewhat oneasy, and wuz wont to ask how his debts wuz in Looisville, but he alluz laft at her feers.

"Mirandy," wuz his constant remark, "I owe twenty or thirty thousand dollars there—really I hevn't hed time lately to look it up—but what's the odds? Goods is goin up every day, I kin stand it." And so Mr. and Mrs. Peggoty went on spendin their money ez a gentleman and lady shood, and runnin up their indebtedness in Looisville in a proper, biznis-like way. It wuz at this period that I cood borry money uv Peggoty. Wood, oh wood that it cood hev continnered. John Sherman owes me a great deel uv money. He hez crooelly cut orf my supplies.

Ther cum a change. The war wuz over, and the government ceesed to pay out money for spavined horses and oats to feed em. The soljers hed returned, and the plowshare wuz beeten into a prunin hook. Then came the infernal idee uv payin off the debt wich hed bin incurred, and the infamus noshen uv resumpshen follered clost upon its heels. The merchants uv Looisville came down to Davisville, and Shylock-like, wantid

their money uv Peggoty. He coodent pay. "Where wuz the money yoo hev reseeved for our goods?" they demandid, and the anser wuz, the house, the furniture, the hosses, and bills for the gentlemanly-like livin Peggoty hed indulged in.

With the rapassity uv feends they demandid and took a mortgage onto Peggoty's house, and sich uv the goods ez he hed left, and sejestid mildly but firmly, that hereafter goods wood be sold for cash jist before delivery. The mizable plea on wich they took this mortgage wuz that the house hed bin bilt with their property, and the furnitoor likewise. The livin wuz eternally gone.

Peggoty made a brave fight for existence, but in vane. Sherman, the finanshel boa constrictor, hed him in his fatal embrace and wuz squeezin the life out uv him. In vane did Peggoty appeal to the stun-harted sekretary. "Keep on ishooin money," wailed Peggoty. "Inflate the currency, and keep inflatin till I kin git shet uv these goods, and kin fail with suthin in my wife's name. Don't broose the brokin reed. Yoo are wipin out the biznis talent uv the kentry. Hev another war, ef needs be, but anyhow, bild a custom house, and dig a ship canal here, and print greenbax to pay for em, that I may keep up my biznis, and save myself from impendin rooin. Ez fast ez the custom house is bilt, and the ship canal is dug, bild more custom houses and ship canals, and keep the currency up to my wants. Yoo are crushin me. So long ez the currency isn't adekate to my wants I can't borrer a cent, and ef I hev to buy goods for cash I can't do it. Shove out the munny and save the debtor class."

The cold-bloodid Sherman replied breefly. He remarked that another war mite be good enuff for the debtor class, but it wood be very bad for all other classes, and he declined to do it. Ez to bildin the custom-houses and ship canals, he wood be glad to do it wherever custom houses and ship canals wuz necessary, but ez the people wood hev to pay for em, finally, he must reely decline to tax the people any more than wuz necessary. In short, he didn't bleeve in bildin things jist for the purpose uv puttin money into cirkelashen. And then come on a lot uv correspondence in wich the brootal Sherman remarkt that a government, tho it wuz trooly paternal, coodent reely bolster up a man wich started in with $200, and who hed lived like a fitin cock for twenty yeers, and now owed $50,000. He sed that ef Mr. Peggoty hed gone and lived jist ez he did afore the war, and hed saved the money he made by the rise uv goods, he wood be in splendid condishn to stand the fall on them, but ez he hed preferred to put his profits into purple and fine linen he ought to be satisfied with the satisfackshen the purple and fine linen hed given him. And the iron-souled sekretary further remarkt that ef all the debtor class wuz jist like Mr. Peggoty, their failin wuz only a question uv time anyhow, and that it wuz jist ez good a time for em to fail ez he ever knowd, and that the biznis uv the kentry wood never be on a solid basis till they hed all gone to that finanshel bourne from wich none uv em wood ever return, till ther wuz another war, wich he hoped wood be a long time hence. He absloutly declined to consider Mr. Peggoty's case, and went on payin the debt, and resoomin, till the sheriff came and sold Peggoty out, and the Looisville sharks, wich wantid their money, got away with at leest 20 per cent uv it.

Can't any one see the injustis this feend Sherman did Peggoty? Can't any one see that ef he hed gone on inflatin and expandin, Peggoty dood hev kep on his feet, jist ez long ez the expandin process wuz continnered, and that his biznis talent wood hev bin preserved to the kentry? Kin any

one blame Peggoty for bein a Greenbacker uv the most profound stripe, and for his standin on the corners and adjoorin every friend uv the poor man to vote the Greenback-Dimecratic tikkit?

How many Peggotys hez this lizard Sherman to anser fur? Wat does he know uv finanse?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Troo Finanseer.

MR. NASBY DEPLORES THE CONFLICT OF NATURE AND DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 27, 1879.

I am disgustid and disheartened. Everything under heaven seems to work agin the Democracy, and make a continyood success impossible. We succeeded in electin a Dimocratic Congris, the people hevin tired uv Republikin rool, and it did seem to me that there wuz nuthin in the way uv a continyooance thereof, for an indefinite period. I looked confidently forerd to the postoffice at the Corners, and reely expectid that I shood end my days holdin that commishn and spendin the salary pleasantly and cheerfully at Bascom's.

In the fust place we wuz shoor that Sherman's resumpshen wood cause wide-spred disaster, wich the people wood charge to the akkount uv the Republikin party, and wood bring the Nashnels over to us, yoonitin both parties agin the common foe, and that after that everything wood be plain sailin. We cood sweep the kentry like a tornado, leevin nary greese-spot uv the radikels behind us.

But somehow it didn't work. Sherman resoomed the fust uv Janooary without the slitest trouble, and the kentry, instid uv goin to everlastin rooin, went on prosperin at a faster rate than ever. To our horror, failyoors begun to grow lesser and lesser, and when I went to Looisville and interviewed the merchants and manufacturers, and they all told me that biznis wuz better than it hed bin for yeers, and that it wuz constantly increesin, and increesin too in a healthy way, and that they wuz a payin their hands promptly, and that the hands wuz a gittin on fust rate, and wuz comfortable, then my hart sunk within my buzzum, and I went home disheartened and discurridged.

Bascom is more uv a Roman than I am. This wuz early in the season, and when I wuz weepin over the prosperity uv the country, he remarkt: "Brace up, Parson, there is yit hope for the Dimocrisy. The crops may yit fail, and rooin may yit ensoo!"

Them words give me hope, and I watched the crop reports with intense anxiety, and I daily sighed like Jeremiah, the great lamenter:

Oh that the frost would strike the corn in the blade, and the cowcumbers on the vine!

Oh! that the fruit wood perish in the bud, and the scab wood git among the sheep!

Oh! that the murrain and the horn-ail wood rage among the kine!

Oh, that the glanders wood spred among the hosses, and cut them down by the thousand, yea, by the ten thousand!

Oh, that the cholera wood revel among the hogs, and destroy them all, from the mature sow to the tender and succulent suckling.

Oh, that the rot wood destroy the potato, and the cut worm the tender corn.

Then wood the people be distrest, and they wood charge it up to the account of John Sherman, resumption and the Republikin party, and we shood elect Tilden and Reform in 1880, and I wood enjoy my postoffis.

All of these wood it take, and more, to enshoor a triumph for the Dimocrisy.

I waited for these in vane. Nacher favors the Republikin party. There wuz no cut-worm, no frost, no hog cholera, no murrain, no nuthin. I hed some hope wunst, when I heerd the weevil and Hessian fly hed appeared in the wheat in Illinois, but my soul sank when the report wuz pronounced unfounded. The wheat is averaging 30 bushels to the akre; it is selling for a dollar or thereabouts, and the money paid for it is good, and the farmer is rejoicin.

Wat wood does it do for me to go about howlin about hard times to a farmer with 30 bushels to the aker in his barns?

Wat good is it to howl about bad money, when the farmer kin hev gold and silver, ef he wants it, jist the same ez paper money?

Wat's the yoose uv talkin about a change uv polisy when the people is all on a broad grin?

I hev only one more hope. There are seckshuns where corn is the prinsipal crop, and corn may yit be destroyed. A early frost in Southern Indiana might do us some good, but after the disappointment with the wheat I hev but faint hopes uv that. But ef there cood be a frost that wood kill the entire crop, and thus put up the price uv whiskey and side pork, it wood enrage that seckshun and enshoor that state for Tilden and reform.

But I hev no hope uv anythin. I am so yoost to disappointment that I shood be surprised at any sich streek uv luck. It don't do no good for me to leen agin a lamp-post and swear that work can't be had in consekence uv John Sherman's reconstruckshen, for Joe Bigler jeers and asks when I ever did put in a stroke uv work anyhow? And wunst when I wuz declaimin agin the scarcity uv labor, he put me down by offerin me a dollar and a half a day to go out and hoe corn on a farm he hez, for wich he coodent git labor enuff. To give us any hope uv success we must hev hard times, in ded earnist, and reel distress, and uv that I see no hope. Nacher is agin us, and who kin fight agin nacher?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Distressed Financier.

MR. NASBY TAKES A LITTLE TURN THROUGH OHIO.

Pettusville,
(Wich is in the State uv Ohio),
Aug. 5, 1879.

I felt it my dooty to heed the Masedonian cry wich the Dimocrisy uv Ohio yelped, "Kum over and help us!" and I went, to do a little mishunary work in the Suthern part uv the state, for that 'possel uv onlimited money, and that harbinger uv good times, Gen'l Ewing. I wish I wuz back in the Corners, and shel git there jist ez soon ez the Sentral committee lets me leeve this most thoroughly discouragin kentry.

Ef the rest uv Ohio is anything like this seckshun, Ohio is gone up. Rooin is before Ohio, and the state is drivin full tilt onto it.

I met with no success at all, wich wuz not my fault, ez the condishns are agin me. I wuz never so disappintid in my life, and I hope never to be so agin.

I expected to find a people ready to reseeve Dimekratic doctrine. I

expected to find a distrest kentry filled with farmers bemoanin the hard times, and mechanics layin idle, with ther families starvin. I expected to find a shoelis, hatlis, coatlis community uv serfs, wich hed bin ground down by the money power till they wood be willin to receeve any promise uv a change with joy and gladnis. I expected to see factrys silent and farms deserted, shops shet up, and only nashnel banks and sich open. I expectid to find pale men, weak-eyed with hunger, and pale-faced, despairing wimmen, starvin theirselves that they mite keep life into their angel babes.

I hed bin readin Dimecratic papers, yoo see, about the people bein ground under foot, and I hied me to Ohio, with the most joyous antissipashens.

When I struck Pettusville it occurred to me that I must hev got into the wrong locality. I arrived in the nite, and I notist the landlord uv the hotel weighed suthin over two hundred, and his wife wuz suthin heavier, but that didn't affect me. In all strikly Democratic localities landlords git fat, no matter who else grows lean, wich they generally do. I turned in and hugged the idee to my buzm that I shood hev easy work to do in that place.

The fust thing I notist in the mornin wuz a string uv teems a mile long —more or less—waitin to onload wheat at the warehouse on the ralerode. The men onto the loads wuz about ez hale and harty a set uv fellers ez I ever seed. They wuzn't pale nor wan, nor nothin. They wuz hefty specimens, and lookt ez tho they hed hed three square meals a day all their lives.

To my horror I notist that the shops wuz all open and the mechanics all very hard at work, and that the three factories in the town hed torrents uv smoke a bilin out uv their chimneys.

Bein entirely shoor I hed bin sent to the rite place, in spite uv these discouragin apeerances, I approached a farmer wich hed sold his load and wuz jist a goin into a bank with his wife.

"My friend," sed I, "yoo are a victim uv the money power!"

"Wat!" wuz the reply, lookin ez tho he thot I wuz a escaped loonatic.

"Yoo are a serf, a bondman, and are held in the iron grip uv the bloatid bond-holders, wich is a squeezin the life blood out uv yoo."

"Is they?" sed he. "I never thought uv that. But I kin beet em. I really haven't time to discuss the matter, for, yoo see, I'm goin to be a bonded bloat-holder myself. I hev jist sold my wheat, and I am goin to buy a bond or two. I want to be a aristocracy myself a while."

And he eloodid me, leevin a button in my hand.

Repeatin the same remark to another, he meerely remarkt, "O, git out, yoo ass! Wheat 30 bushels to the acre and a dollar a bushel, gold. I want a great many years more uv this kind uv rooin. Where yoo frum, anyway?"

Abandonin the farmers in disgust, for I got the same anser from all uv em, I attemptid to git in my work on the distrest mechanics wich must hev bin rooined by resumpshen, but my success wuzn't any better. I don't know but I cood hev convinst em that they wuz all rooined ef I hed hed a fair show, but the alarmin fact wuz they wuz all too bizzy to listen to me, for it happened to be pay-day. Every man uv em went out uv the offis with his money in full, and every man uv em declined to hear a word I sed.

It wuz in vane I urged that they wuz serfs, it wuz in vane that I

told em they wuz bein ground into the ground by the nashnel banks, it wuz in vane I told em resumption wood be their rooin, for every cussid one of em filed past me, and went and depositid their earnings in one of these cussid octopusses, the nashnel bank uv the place.

I can't understand what Ewing sent me to sich a place for, and I telegraphed him. The Dimecratic Central Committy ansered:

"Hold on awhile. A heavy frost may come in August and kill the corn, and fetch em to their senses. Then they will know wat Sherman has done for em. Suthin must be left to Providence."

And so I am sittin in the tavern watchin the thermometer. It is a corn kentry, and the farmers depend upon that crop for the heft uv their profits. Ef the Lord wood only take pity on the Dimocrisy and send a heavy frost, a regular black frost this month, I shood hev some show. It wood derange things and tear up matters to sich an extent that it wood give us a chance. But then the wheat crop wuz so heavy that I'm not shoor that even the totle destrucshen uv the corn crop wood save us. The hog cholera can't come soon enuff, and ez for cattle and horses, I never seed em so disgustinly healthy.

Still, I shel sit and watch the thermometer and cuss John Sherman, ez the Central Committy direx. It is is possible that some distress may come upon the kentry before October, tho reely I see no encurridgin signs.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Distrest Finanseer.

MR. NASBY GOES TO MISSISSIPPI.

Kemperville,
(Wich is in the State uv Mississippi),
Aug. 15, 1879.

I hedn't the pashense to wait at Pettusville, in Ohio, for a frost. The thermometer woodn't do nothin for me. Nite after nite I sot up, till mornin, hopin for it to go down to the freezin pint, so that it wood destroy the corn, but it woodn't go down. I hoped for some sort uv a smash in the iron market, for some terrible distress to come upon the manufacturers and operatives—I prayed for defalcashens, for bankruptcies, for anything that wood make distress and make the people dissatisfied with the existin condishen uv things, but nothin uv the kind happened. Labrin men wuz all employed, their employers paid em promptly and in good money, and when I went onto the streets and howled agin hard times and Republikin misrool I wuz laft to skorn. I saw em gittin on so easy that I wuz temptid to quit Dimekratik polytix and go to work myself. But anshent habit prevailed, and I nipt that resolooshen in the bud.

Feelin that I must do something for Dimocrisy, I left for Mississippi, wich is a more promisin field, and got full uv the old-fashioned kind uv Dimocrisy onto wich I wuz weaned.

I am happy here. Here we hev the undilooted article. Here ther is distress in ded airnist. Here the Dimocrisy hev no money, and never will hev, and I kin talk hard times with some effeck.

My biznis sence I hev bin here is to assist in savin the county from the fell spirit uv disorganization. There is more niggers than white men here, and jist after the war a great many disorganizers from Ohio and Noo England settled in the county, puttin up saw mills and buyin large quantities uv land, and spendin money on improvements and sich. Not contentid with reversin the regler habits uv the kentry they insistid on takin part in pollytix, and ez the niggers votid with em, they carried the

county several years after the war, and kept the Dimocrisy groanin in spirit.

But at the last Presidenshel eleckshun the Dimocrisy girded up its loins and refoosed to submit to this infamus rool. It wuz determined to carry the county for Tilden and Reform, and the Republikin majority uv two thousand wuz changed to a Dimokratic majority uv about the same number. The Dimocrisy quit groanin and loaded ther shot-guns. It wuz a crisis, and it wuz boldly and cheerfully met. I do not know how many niggers wuz killed, for no akkount ever taken uv em, nor do I know how many uv their white abettors wuz permittid to leeve the county, but ez it wuz boldly proclaimed that the freedom and purity uv the ballot-box wuz agoin to be maintained, even at the muzzle uv the shot-gun, the number must hev bin considerable. The nigger wuz offered the ballot, in akkordance with the amendment, with the condishn sternly insistid onto that it wuz to be the Dimekratic ballot without a scratch onto it. Very few uv them wuz abandoned enuff to offer ther votes, and, ez I remarkt, the Dimocrisy carried the county triumphantly for Tilden and Reform.

This yeer the Dimocrisy met and nominated their tikkit. It wuz a good tikkit, and ther wuz no reason under heaven why any man, black or white, shood refoose to vote it. The candidates wuz all eligible. Every one uv em hed owned niggers afore the war, and every wun uv em hed served in the Confedrit army. I bleeve there wuzn't one on it that hed been anything less than a captain, and one, the candidate for sheriff, hed participated in the glorious affair at Fort Pillow. All uv em hed bin active in ridding the country uv disturbers, Col. Sharkey, the candidate for sheriff, hevin killed, fust and last, a hudred niggers. His shot-gun wuz alluz shoor.

To our surprise a disturber named Thompson dissentid from the ackshen uv the convenshun. He wuz born in the county, but hed disgraced his state by being reconstructed, and actin with the radikels. He called a convenshun uv the "citizens," and announst hisself ez a "independent" candidate for sheriff. Ez mite hev b in expected this aroused indignashen in the county. Wuz this to be permitted? Never!

"I thought they wuz done with this nonsense," sed Col. Sharkey, "but they drive me to it."

And he wiped out his shot-gun, and laid in a stock uv buck-shot.

The Dimocrisy organized to prevent this outrage. Headid by Col. Sharkey, every man uv em, with his shot-gun in his hand and determinahen on his brow, marched to the hall where the disorganizers wuz in session. Tompson hed jist been nominated, and wuz makin a speech in wich he wuz urgin devoshun to the yoonyun and the laws. Col. Starkey stopped him, remarkin that he hed suthin to say.

"Do yoo really and in ded arnist propose to be a candidate for sheriff?" he asked uv Tompson.

"Certinly I do," wuz the inslent reply. "In this free kentry anybody kin be a candidate wich kin get a nominashen."

"My dooty is cleer," sed the intrepid Sharkey. "I am a law-abidin citizen, and will hev nothin but law and order. Wat I am about to do is my own privit matter, tho it is in the intrest uv the masses. Law and order must be maintained. Mr. Tompson, I give you jest five minits to git offen that platform, resine yoor candidacy and disperse this unlawful meetin."

"Can't a citizen uv Mississippi hold meetings and vote ez he pleases?" demanded the insolent Thompson.

"To vote ez one pleases is a hevin-born rite," ansered Col. Starkey, "but one must please to vote the Dimecratic tickit. The safety uv the kentry demands this trifiin concession. Every Northern agitator, and every nigger radikel in this hall hez that liberty. Mr. Tompson, your time is neerly up, and I never waste words."

He cockt his shot-gun.

"I shel stay ez long ez I please, and shell be a candidate—"

The mizable man didn't finish the sentence. The five minits wuz not quite up, but Col. Sharkey saw there wuz no yoose uv argooin with him, and his shot-gun ansered. Tompson fell on the platform a corpse. Then Col. Sharkey, re-loadin the barrel, giv notis to the white men in the hall that they must leeve the county in 24 hours or take the consekences, and that the niggers must git to their respective homes to-wunst, and his faithful followers left the hall.

Arrivin at Liberty hall, the Dimekratic hedquarters, Col. Sharkey askt us to halt.

"The law must be observed," he sed. "I hev killed a man. Very well, I will anser for it. I am a law-abidin citizen. This matter must be investigatid, and the courts pass upon it. It may be that I wuz wrong. We will go to the magistrate."

Fortunately, Square Gusher, a justis uv the peace, wuz in.

"I wish to deliver myself up," sed Col. Sharkey.

"Wat hez happened?" askt the squire, takin his pipe out uv his mouth, and settin up a demijohn.

"I hev killed a man," replied Sh rkey.

"Is that all?" sed Gusher. "Who wuz he? He is a wuz, ef you drawd on him," he remarkt, complimentin the kernel's skill.

"Tompson, the Ohio disorganizer, who wuz a runnin for sheriff. I killed him, and must anser for it."

"Killin," sed the square, "is a serus matter, but ther are times when a man is justified in drorin his weepin. Tompson wuz a disorganizer, and doubtlis yoo hed provocashen. The court holds the killin uv sich entirely justifiable, and yoo will not be detained. Take another drink, Cunnel."

"Let it be remembered," sed Sharkey, "that I hev observed the law. I killed a man—I cum here voluntarily and delivered myself up. The court hez honorably acquitted me, and I am a free man. I coodent hev slept soundly to-night without payin this homage to law. Wat is freedom without law?"

A posse wuz at once detailed to see that the obnoxious disturbers did actooally leeve that nite, and that they mite hev no reason for stayin ther mills wuz burnt, and their houses raided. We sot their wimmen and children out into the nite, and divided ther household goods among the faithful ez needed em.

We shel not be troubled with these disturbers any more, and the county will hev that yoonity so much to be desired. In consekence uv his prompt ackshun, Col. Sharkey will be yoonanimusly electid, and we shel be the banner Democratic county uv the state.

I enjoy livin here very much. The soil is rich, and there is excellent facilities for manufacturin. All we want is populashen and capitle. The citizens wood be glad to hev Northern capitalists uv the rite kind come here and locate and develop the kentry. We want men wich woodent desire to interfere in pollytix, and sich wood be allowed to remane here unmolestid. The citizens, ez wuz demonstrated by Col. Sharkey's givin

hisself up after the shootin uv Thompson, is great sticklers for observin the law. After killin a man the shivelry alluz goes afore a justis and is acquitted in doo legal form. Ther never hez bin a white man hung for killin in the county, 'ceptin one, a mudsill, wich shot a native for orderin him not to vote on eleckshun day. The rite kind uv men, with capitle, cood do a great deal towards bildin up the country, and that's wat we want. But they must be considrit, and very keerful about any attempts to break up the Dimecratic party, thus invitin trouble. I ain't shoor but that I shell remane here.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Law Abidin).

MR. NASBY EN ROUTE.

On the Road
From Looisville to Cincinnati,
Sept. 1, 1879.

I wrote, in the cars, my noshuns uv the eggistin sitooashun, but gittin out to take a drink and brace up my Dimocrisy (Dimocrisy needs a heep uv bracin up, jist now), sum onmitigated miscreant stole em. They wuz gone when I returned, and yoo won't git em.

But this is the substance uv wat I sed. Wat the South wants now is to be let alone. The South wants to be considered ez individule states, and not ez parts uv a nashen. The South insists that she hez the rite to secede, the same ez she alluz hed, and that the late war didn't settle nuthin only that the North hed more men than the South, and cood do more fitin to the square mile. That wuz all. We are just ez we wuz afore the cnpleasantnis commenst, and are prepared, now ez then, to take charge uv the government wich we perpose to do. We are willin the Northern Dimocrisy shel hev the offises that belong to em, but sich ez are necessary to be yoosed in formin polisies and sich, we must controle. In short, We are the government. Next week I shell elaborate these ideas, and present em in conseketive shape.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, States Rites.

MR. NASBY ON DEMOCRATIC METHODS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 8, 1879.

I never wuz so impressed with the sooperiority uv the Southern mind over the Northern ez I hev bin sence readin the account uv the killin uv Dixon by Barksdale. There is several ways uv doin the same thing, and the wise man alluz takes the shortest and most direct.

I wuz in Noo York doorin the rane uv the great Tweed, and am not too proud to say that I wuz a recipient uv his bounty. In fact the only sense uv hoomiliashen I hev is thet I didn't git more uv it, and that doorin that golden era I didn't git enuff to smooth my pathway to the toom. I shood hev pervided enuff, the incum uv wich wood hev furnished me with my likker for life, trustin to a confidin public and the onsartin resources uv chance for my board and cloze. But I didn't, and am sufferin in my old age in consekence uv my thotlisnis.

Tweed hed his own way uv controllin his party. It wuz simple and direct but very expensive and bothersome. When a Dimmekrat kicked out uv the traces, and sot up for hisself, the great Tweed simply bot him up. It wuz a question uv how much money he wantid, and that sum, big

or little, he got, and got it to-wunst. The words that wuz oftenest in Tweed's mouth wuz, "How much?" and ef the man wuz wuth it he got it and no questions askt.

I made a very nice thing uv it in the latter days uv that great statesman, by bustin out in rebellion at ward meetings and being paid for quietin down.

In the South the statesmen uv the Dimekratic party hes other methods wich are still more simple and direct. They don't buy rebellious Democrats, for the suffishent reason that ontil the Suthern war clames are paid by the Fedrel government and Southern soljers are penshund, they ain't got no money to buy with. Perhaps when that Pactolian streem shel flow over the kentry, they will lose the Spartan simplicity that characterizes uv em now, and becom ez corrupt ez Tweed, but they are willin to risk it.

However poor a Suthern statesman may be, he is never too poor to own a double-barreled shot-gun, and to buy a charge uv powder and buck-shot. With this, their outfit is complete, and they hev all the persuaders they want. Now let a Dimokrat kick, or let a man run ez an Independent, ez Dixon wuz a goin to. They don't go to him with money, or offers of place or preferment ez Tweed did. They don't send committees to reason with him, nor do they hold jint discussions with him. No indeed. The Central committee merely meets and resolves that he is a incenjary and a disturber. He is then expectid to pack up his traps and git. Possibly he may be a bold, recklis man and won't git. Then his fate is onto his own head. They don't like to do it, but a stern sense uv dooty impels em.

The best shot with a shot-gun wipes out his gun, lookin admirinly at the notches on the stock that mark the number uv incenjaries and disturbers that it hez removed, and loads both barrels carefully with buckshot. He takes a drink or two more than yoosual, to stiddy his nerves, and walks camly out, and gits behind the corner uv the grocery to wich he knows the disturber will come for his regler sustainer. Cockin the gun, he camly awaits his approach.

The wretched man comes santerin along. Uv course he knows that he is to be gone for, ef he hez lived in the kentry any time at all, but he never knows from wat quarter the shivelrus shot is to be fired. He is about to enter the door when the fatal shot is heard, and he falls to the earth, a corpse.

The shivelry after seein that the incenjary is dead goes camly to the nearest justis uv the peece, the other nominees on the regler tikkit go his bale, the court and bondsmen go and tak suthin, and it is done. The kentry is saved once more, and there is no further opposishun to the Dimocrisy in that county.

There is many pints in favor uv the Southern method. Ef yoo buy a man ez Tweed did, he is perpetooally expectin to be bot over and over. A man with a charge uv buckshot thro his livver ain't a gittin up to hev more charges uv buckshot put thro him, but he is finished, and the job is completed to wunst. The harmony in the party perdoosed by this heroic treatment is final and lastin, so fur ez this world is concerned.

Loaded with lead, and fairly under ground, a man aint wuth very much ez a organizer uv opposishen.

I do approve uv Tweed's yoose uv likker ez a politikle forse in pollytix, but that wood be impossible in Mississippi. In Noo York likker is looked upon ez a luxury—in Mississippi ez a necessity. Besides, ez we don't

pay tax on any that we manufakter, it is too cheap to be really a means uv inflooensin votes. In Noo York, it wuz 10 cents a drink, it wuz suthin to hev a candidate to pay for it. Down here, wher it is only about that much a gallon, and a jug uv it can be found in the humblist cabin, it is not so much of a objik.

There is no doubt that the South hez a polititkle system eggsackly adaptid to it. The shot gun is the reel power in the land, and ez long ez we kin hold the kentry free from the contaminashen uv skools and sich it alluz will be.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reel Dimekrat).

HOW TO CONDUCT JOINT DISCUSSIONS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 22, 1879.

The next election is liable to be eggstremely eggscitin, and there shood be in the South a unity uv ackshen and a uniformity uv meens to be yoosed that our success may be ashoored. We must hev a solid South, that the votes uv the states now groanin under Federal despotism may be throwed for a candidate wich will recognize the fact that the South hez rites, and is reddy to maintain em.

In all jint discussions in the Southern states these rools shood be observed:

1. When a radikel shows a desire to discuss, the rifle shood never be yoosed. The revolver is better, for there are six loads in a navy, and the second may accomplish what the first failed to do. But the shot-gun is the proper weepin, for shot scatters, and no matter how shaky a shivelry's hand may be, the tother discusser can't get out uv range uv a charge uv shot.

2. Never depend upon a single-barrelled gun. It may take two charges to finish a obnoxious discusser.

3. Alluz yoose the old-fashioned muzzle-loader. The cartridges that yoo hev to yoose with the breech loader are loaded with small shot, wich won't alluz do. And besides the breech-loader is a Yankee weepin, and no troo Southerner will yoose anything uv Yankee make, onless he kin git it on credit.

4. Load with a heavy charge uv buckshot, and alluz put in two or three slugs. Slugs is more convincin than buckshot, ez they tear a bigger hole.

5. Alluz aim at the button on the back uv the coat. The charge then penetrates the kidneys and liver, and the disturber dies on the spot. It is erooelty to prolong their sufferins.

6. Be keerful to observe the law. The moment the disturber quits kickin, go afore the nearest justis uv the peeace and deliver yoorself up. He will immejitly admit yoo to bale, and the infamus charge that the Southern citizen is not law-abidin will be disproved.

7. Free speech is the bulwark uv our civilizashen, and everybody must enjoy it, but ez disturbers can't be allowed, let it be understood that only Dimekrats kin enjoy that privilege. Meetings uv radikels, bein incenjary, must be sternly suppresed.

8. A speeker shood never be shot while on the stand. Lay for him when he hez got through. It will be found that after a few uv em hev bin silenced, none will vencher on it.

9. Nigger meeting houses and Sunday skools cannot be permitted ez they are the hot-beds uv radikelism. One Methodist preacher will offset the good work uv a dozen groceries.

10. Postmasters shood see to it that no radikel papers are permitted to be cirkelatid. Noosepapers is a noosance, and ef the radikels are perventid from taken em, they will be entirely supprest in our seckshun, ez the troo Dimekrat don't take em at all. The less noosepaper the better Dimocrat.

There are other things that mite be recommended, but ef these is followed out ther is no doubt uv a glorious Dimekratik victory next yeer. With Tilden's barl in the North and the shot gun in the South, we kin elect the next President. May the Lord favor us.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Dimekratic Organizer.

MR. NASBY ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 3, 1879.

The sines uv the times is agin us. Dimocrisy hez bin thro a great deel sence I have bin a ornament to that organizashen, but it wuz never in such a cussid condishn ez now. And yit it never stood on sich a firm foundashen, and never hed so many clames upon the peple ez it hez now. It never wuz so secoorly ankered, and at no time in its histry ought it to hev fuller swing, and be glorified.

Think uv it. The South, wich is the Dimocrisy, is all safe back into the Yoonyun. We didn't want to come back, for we hed set up a concern uv our own. The Northern Democrisy acknowledged the justis uv our goin out, and assistid us to go all that they cood. Sum uv em did actooally shouder muskits to help us, and them wich didn't go theirselves did us more good by stayin at home and keepin up a fire in the rear, wich wuz better, ez them fellows woodent hev bin wuth a cuss ez soljers anyhow. At that time the Dimocrisy uv the South controlled the Dimocratic party, and wuz the party, in fact.

Owin to the perversity uv the North, we didn't go out. We wuz whipped back, and our plans came to naught. Wat then? We consentid to take our old place ez states in the Yoonyun, and consekently our old posishen in the Dimocratic party, and the Northern Dimocrisy is, ez before, merely auxiliary to us. The Dimocrisy uv the North shood realize the fact that its place is to do our biddin, and obey us in all things, humbly, and with the respect that they owe a sooperior race.

Wat we insist upon is that the Northern Dimocrisy throw off all disguise, set aside all nonsense, and come out manfully and indorse these proposishens:

1. That the war bein over and the South bein restored to its old posishen, everything must be sot back jist where it wuz at the commencement uv the unfortunit difference.

2. That inasmuch ez the South is back again, and the hull biznis is settled, the Southern soljer must stand on the same footin with the Northern soljer, only a little more so, ez the Southern soljer hez not the consolashen uv victory to brace up onto. Wat I mean is that while we admit both sides wuz rite (we don't beleeve it tho), the late war shel be countid ez nothin, and all soljers wich fought, no matter under which flag, shell be countid ez soljers uv our common kentry, and be treated percisely alike.

3. This bein admitted, uv course the Southern soljer must be penshuned the same ez the Northern soljer. Ez I sed before, hevin to bear the ignominy uv defeet, the Southern soljer shood hev a bigger penshun, but we are magnanimus, and will be satisfied with the same.

4. Inasmuch as when a man furnished supplies to the Fedrel army he wuz paid for it, the man wich furnisht supplies to the Confedrit army shood be paid likewise, now that we are reconciled. Likewise, when a man's property wuz destroyed by the Confedrit armies he wuz paid for it, so the property destroyed by Fedrel armies shood be paid for, down to the last fence-rail and sweet-potato. Ez most uv the property destroyed wuz Confedrit, we hev rather the bulge on the North in this item. We uv the Cross Roads is interestid in this, for John Morgan's command raidid thro here a dozen times, and left devastashen in their track. He left nary a chicken, mule, or barl uv whisky behind him. That old saint, Deekin Pogram, must hev his pathway to the tomb smoothed by payment for his lone mule, or ther is no jestis in man.

5. We want a peece that shel be eternal. We want olive branches and money. We uv the South will extend the olive branches, and yoo uv the North must extend the money. We hev olive branches by the cord and no money, and vice versa, wich means tother ways.

6. The government is to be a paternal one for the purpose uv payin these clames, and bildin our raleroades and ship canals, but for nuthin else. It is a nashen for that and a confedrashen uv sovrin states for everything else. By comin back into the Yoonyun we did not give up our rite to secede whenever we want to, and it wood be crooel to ask us. We wuz overpowered, but broot forse don't change a eternal prinsiple. This must be understood, and the Dimocrisy uv the North must put it into all their platforms, immejit.

7. The niggers must be left to us without interference from any source. We shel not probably redoose em again to their normel condishen uv servitood, and ez a matter uv form we are willin they shood vote, pervided alluz they vote with us. That is essential to the continyood prosperity uv the South, and ez the whites uv the South is all that kin be considered, we must insist upon this. The whites uv the South must hev nigger laber, and on sich terms ez the whites uv the South sees fit to make.

8. We extend the rite hand uv fellowship to sich Northerners ez choose to come South with capitle to build up our kentry, but they must not make disturbers uv theirselves. They must not expect to be welcomed into our first society, nor must they take any part in pollytix. Like the niggers, they may vote, ef they vote with us, but not otherwise. We are a proud people, and cant recognize ez our ekals any family wich hez not at sum period in its histry owned niggers.

Ef the Northern Dimocrisy want us they know the terms. We are willin they shel sugar-cote it ez much ez they choose, but it must be understood that no matter wat perfeshns may be made afore eleckshuns, these things are to be done when we git the ranes in our own hands. We are the controllin race and evenshelly must be considered. I shel recur to this subjik agin, ez the noosepapers say.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, State-Rite Dimocrat.

MR. NASBY HEARS FROM OHIO.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 15, 1879.

Ohio hez gone distractid. Insted uv electin Ewin, and makin soft money secoor, that cussid Foster hez kerried the state by a majority wich we hed no idee uv, and to make the matter wuss, the legislacher hez gone agin us, and the return uv that saint, Thurman, is one uv the things that ain't to be thot uv. Ohio is gone, and wat we dependid on is gone also. We hoped to bring Ohio into the ranks ez a soft money inflashen state, to help the Confedrit Cross Roads to get into that prosperity wich it hez so long desired. But Ohio is gone. Ewin, the champion of soft money and the embodiment uv the idee that all yoo hev to do to make money is to print it, is berried under a majority uv suthin like forty thousand, and the Greenback party is faded into nothin where we expected a great deel from it. Sich is life! Wher we expeck the most we get the least, and help comes oftenest from where we don't expeck nothin.

We uv Kentucky hev but one hope now. That hope is Gen. Butler, of Massychoosits. Ef he kin git that state to elect him on the inflashen tikket, we kin git enuff holt on the public to make some headway for another campane.

Butler hez suthin to go on, wich he didn't hev in Ohio. In Ohio the crops wuz all good, and the people wuz prosperous. Ther wuz no frost to kill the corn, and ther wuz no murrin among the cattle. But in Massychoosits ther hez bin lots uv defalcashens, and consekent distress. Butler will make the most uv this. Every cashier that hez stole the money uv his corporashen, and got away with the plunder, will be charged up to the Republikin party, and Benjamin will charge it all to John Sherman and the present policy.

Ef ther is a few more defalcashens in Fall River, I feel tolerably shoor that Butler will be electid. Down here in the Corners we prayed for a frost that wood kill the corn in Ohio—we never go to sleep now without prayin for more defalcashens in Massychoosits. Dimocrisy kin hope for nothin onless there is distress. Prosperity and Dimocrisy don't hitch at all. Wat we want is suthin solid in the way uv distress that will make people clamor for a change.

The eyes uv Kentucky is onto Butler. To Butler, the only aggressively wicked man in the nashen, Kentucky looks appelinly. The great Butler is makin the only greenback fite that is worthy uv the name, and makin that fight in the very face uv the bloatid bond-holders uv Noo England, wich is pizen. We uv the Cross Roads hev forgiven Butler. We are magnanimus. We hev forgiven that he ever drawd his sword agin the Confederacy. (So fur ez effeks went we hevn't much to forgive, wich makes the task easy.) We hev forgiven him for his brootality in freein our niggers, and we forgive him for watever aid he wuz to the radikels at the various times he hez acted with them. Inasmuch ez he alluz did em more harm than good, we overlook all that and take him to our buzzum.

For Gen. Butler is doin the work that the Corners most need. Butler is the champion uv inflashen, and the only man left wich is actilly makin a serious fite in favor uv onlimited greenbax.

We uv the Corners say hail and God speed to the great Greenbacker We pray for him in the mornin, we drink to him doorin the day, and in the shades uv the evenin the Corners is intoxicated drinkin his health.

Wat the Corners wants is more money. The Corners never hed enuff sence the war. Afore the war, when we hed niggers to do our work, and could sell the surplus stock South, we could by encouragin breedin, git along very well. We managed to hev enuff to feed and clothe us, and to bet on quarter races, and to indulge in draw poker to our hart's content. In those days Bascom's wuz a paradise. The bar in front wuz filled with gentlemen takin ther tods, and the back room wuz crowded with the citizens playin draw poker and other games incidental to a high state uv civilizashen. I wunst knowed Deekin Pogram to lose wat money he hed, and then ruther than retire, stake Libby and Sary, two uv his nigger gals, and sed to be his dawters, wich wuz likely, ez they hed the Pogram nose, on two pair, and when he lost em, he see em druv off South without a pang. Ez he remarkt on that occashun, "wat diffrence is it? Ther is more a comin."

It wuz a thrillin site. The Deekin wuz playin with Slippery Jim Tedson, and hed lost ever dollar he hed in the world, and also his watch and his double-barrelled shot-gun. Slipry Jim sat ther sardonic, restin sekoor on the solid foundashen uv four aces. The good Deekein hed three kings and two queens, wich any chrischen wood consider good enuff to put a mortgage onto his house for.

Slipry Jim bet $20, and asked the good Deekin wat he wuz a goin to do about it.

"I see it," sed the good old man, "and go ye fifty better."

"Wher's yer stuff?" asked Jim. "You kno, Deekin, I never make mouth bets."

"Look here, Jim," sed the Deekin, "I ain't got no more money handy, but ye know them two gals, Libby and Sary. Ther aint two more likely gals in the Corners, and in Noo Orleens they is wuth three thousand dollars ef they is a cent. I'll count them gals at that money and check agin em."

"All rite," sed Jim, and at it they went. Jim saw the Deekin's raise and went a hundred better, and the Deekin, full of faith in his king full, kep on bettin till the gals wuz all in the pot.

Then cum the show down, and ez four aces alluz lays over a king full, Slipery Jim raked in the gals.

The Deekin is a gentleman, and exceedinly punctilus, and when he saw he wuz beet he sent for the gals. Ther mother cum with em and made a fuss about ther bein lost at a game uv poker and bein separated from em, and intimated that no decent man wood gamble off his own flesh and blood, wich Jim resentid by knockin her down, and hustlin her out uv doors. The Deekin made out the bill uv sale, and Jim took the gals away, and they wuz never seen more in that seckshun. Jim sold em in Noo Orleens to two young aristocrats for $4,000, wich the good Deekin esteemed ez a personal compliment to hisself. He wuz vexed, however, when the mother committed suicide, wich made him lose three niggers on that one hand.

The Deekin hezn't that resorce any more. He loves a quiet game uv poker jist ez well ez ever, but alas! in his declinin yeers he hezn't any uv his own childern to stake on a king full. He hez got down to the ignominy uv playin penny ante, and that indulgence is altogether too infrekent.

The niggers is workin, not for us, but for themselves. Ther are a dozen uv Deekin Pogram's posterity wich are livin in comfort, wile the

Deekin hez not about him the price uv a drink. We hev land, but hev no labor to work it, and consekently Bascom hez hed to furnish likker on credit, and this hez gone on till he hez a mortgage on every foot uv land owned by white men within ten miles uv the Corners.

Our only releef is in more currency, and that is why we hail Gen. Butler ez our patron saint. Ef the guvernment wood ishoo a few hundred thousand dollars uv greenbax, redeemable in nothin, we cood git out. That money wood get into cirkelashen, it wood encurridge traffic, it wood git down to us, it wood be so plenty that it woodent be worth nothin except to pay debts with, wich is wat we want. It wood emansipate us from Bascom.

How? Easy enuff. Deekin Pogram hez six hundred and forty akers uv land, wich is mortgaged to Bascom for the likker he hez consoomed sence the war, say for five thousand dollars. That land wood sell now for jist about the mortgage, and leeve the Deekin out onto the mercies uv a cold world. But suppose the government shood ishoo a hundred milyuns, or a thousand milyuns—we don't keer wich—and shood pay it out for all sorts uv slack-watrin, and Pacific ralerodes, and custom-houses, and lend it to all sorts uv people on no sekoority watever, akkordin to our notions uv kerrect finance, wat wood happen? The Corners wood be inundated with money, the good Deekin's land wood go up to a thousand dollars a aker, and all the Deekin wood hev to do wood be to sell five akers and go to Bascom with his five thousand uv fiat money, and be released from his wuss than Egyptian thraldom. Five akers, more or less, would make no difference to the Deekin, for he never works any uv it, anyway.

Wood it effeck Bascom? Not at all. Uv course he wood put up the price uv drinks from the beggarly five cents he gets now to a dollar, or five for five dollars, and he wood be ez well off ez he is now. It wood work happinis all around, ez long ez it lasted, wich wood be till we got out uv debt. The next generation mite suffer sum inconvenience, but I ain't livin for the next generation. The next generashun never did nothin for me, and beside the next generashun kin repudiate ef they don't want to pay.

Gen. Butler must be to us, in this day and generashun wat the niggers wuz afore the war. He must take the place uv them niggers and furnish us funds. The Cross Roads holds out its hands to Butler and demands uv him releef.

Greenbax we must have. We want enuff uv em to slack water Secession Run, to make it navigable in the winter, and to provide for pumpin wells on its banks to make it navigable in the summer. We want a custom house and postoffis here. Jest ishoo the greenbax and we will sejest ways enuff to git em into cirkelashen.

Go on, Butler, and kerry Massychoosits! The eyes uv the South is onto yoo. Sittin at Bascom's without the price uv the most modest quencher, we pray for yoor success. The entire South is prayin for yoor success.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Greenbacker.

MR. NASBY HEARS FROM TWO OTHER STATES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 10, 1879.

Any one with half a eye wich wood gaze onto my classicle face wood know that I hed herd from Massychoosits and Noo York. Any one wood

also know that the Corners hed heerd from them states, ef they wood gather in Bascom's for a minit. There is a settled gloom pervadin the feechers uv the regler sitters wich is distressin—that gloom wich kin only come from a disaster uv gigantic proporshens. Sich a disaster is onto us, and we feel it.

The day afore the eleckshun all wuz joy and happinis. We sed "we shel kerry Noo York, and that settles the Presidenshel eleckshun next year. With a Dimekratic President and a Dimekratic Congris we shel hev controle uv this guvernment. We shell hev the mere workin grubworms uv the North where they ought to be, under the feet uv the shivelry uv the South. We shel to wunst vault into the place we okkepied afore the war, when we commandid and the North obeyed. Thus will the pride that fills every Southern heart be gratified."

"But this is not all. Stumicks is ez necessary to be filled ez hearts, and this victory will be one for the stumick ez well ez heart. We shel hev appropriashens, we shel hev the Southern debt paid, we shel hev the Southern war claims paid, we shel hev custom housis and postoffises built, we shel hev Secession Crick slack-watered, and the Cross Roads & Secessionville railroad construcid at the expense uv the guvernment (wich for sich purposes is a nashen), we shel hev money paid by the mere trade in mechanics uv the North flowin throo the South, like the Nile when its banks is overflowed, enrichin every inch uv our territory. We shel hev the consent uv the Northern end uv the party to re-enslave the nigger in some form, and we shel hev no Fedrel bayonits to interfere when we want to git shet uv a Northern settlement."

This sed we wun to another.

Massychoosits wuz to hev given us wat we yearn fur, jist ez much onlimited currency—troo Suthern currency wich the man yoo owe hez got to take, and wich hez no earthly provishun for redemshun, wich we consider jist ez good ez buyin goods on credit in Noo York, every bit. We wuz a goin to hev Massychoosits, thro Butler, set the printin presses a goin, and hev prosperity speed by steem. Then we shood hev emancipated ourselves from the iron grasp uv Bascom by payin him off in fiat money, and shood hev started fresh with him and so long as the government wood print, shood go on a cash basis, wich we wuz alluz willin to do ef we cood only hev hed the money.

Our hopes is dashed. Noo York insults the South by electin Cornell, and Massychoosits dashes the cup that wuz jist at our lips, by berryin Butler. The Republikins hev swept everything, and with their success down we go. Ther will be a Republikin President to veto wat our Congris may do, and before we kin git another there will be a Republikin Congris to grind us into the dust.

Deekin Pogram is neerly hart-broken. "I shel go down to my grave," sed that sufferin saint to me, yisterday, tears a chasin each other in rapid succession down his venerable cheeks, each makin its little furrow ez it went. "I shel go down to my grave without ever wallopin a nigger agin, and I shel never eat the produx uv ther accussid hands. My clame for the two hundred constructive mules John Morgan stole uv me will never be paid, and next spring I shel hev to put in a crop uv corn with these hands wich wuz never attooned to labor. And Bascom will foreclose his mortgage, and I shel be turned out to starve, a melancholy sample uv the rooin caused by an unholy war. It is too much."

The Deekin's remark about two hundred constructive mules needs explanashen. John Morgan really took from the Deekin's farm one mule and a sorrel mare. The Deekin put in a clame for two hundred mules on this basis, viz.: the mare wood probably hev hed a colt next year, and that colt wood hev hed one the year after, and so on. Doublin them up in that way, like the sum in the rithmetic about the hoss nails, the Deekin felt that he wuz entitled to pay for at leest two hundred, and wuz serusly contemplatin filin a supplemental clame for a hundred more, when it looked ez tho we wuz goin to sweep the North.

But now the old man's hopes is prostratid, and he goes about ez one without hope.

"The radikels will never pay for the mules, there never will be a raleroad bilt thro my farm, and w ain't a goin to hev a influx uv fiat money. Ther ain't nothin left for me but to lay down and die, for I am too proud to work, and ther ain't nobody round here to beg from."

We do it better in Mississippi. Ther the Dimocrisy know how to carry eleckshuns. We hev carried Yazoo county by increest majorities. Ever sence the last barrel uv powder, with shot agreeable, wuz sent down ther, ther hez bin a regler lessenin uv the Republikin vote, and the trade in tomb-stuns wood hev bin tremendusly increest, ef the survivors hed hed the temerity to stay long enuff to put up monuments to ther dead. But wat kin Mississippi do alone? We feel good at hevin that refuge from the storm, but it ain't enuff to do us any practikel good. Zach Chandler's death is suthin, but both these Dimocratic ganes won't save us.

The jig is up. We hev nothin now to hope. Ef we hed sposed a solid South wood hev made a solid North, we mite hev kept our hands off till we wuz more sekoorly fixed in the saddle, but we did wat we did, and spose we shel hev to abide the consekences, terrible ez they are. But who wood hev bleeved that a North hed so much back bone? Possibly they ain't serfs after all. I kin stand it. A few years more uv borrerin, a few yeers more uv finanshel skirmishin around bar-rooms, and I shel go hence. Then wat difference will it make to me, who is President, or who hez the Congris? A dissappintid life will hev a fittin endin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Disconsolate.

ON THE BLINDNESS OF THE NORTH.

Pittsburg,
(Wich is in the State uv Pennsylvany),
Dec. 13, 1879.

We wuz a sittin in Bascom's one nite last week, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and me, lamentin over the condishn uv the kentry, wich hez bin our principle biznis for this many a weary day. We felt that we wuz rooined. Ez ther wuz no way uv compellin the niggers settled here to do our work, ez in the good old times, ther hed bin no crops got in last summer, and ez the government refozed to ishoo greenbax in onlimitid quantities and spend the same on the system uv internal improvements wich the Corners so earnestly desire, Bascom's pashense becum exhaustid, and for two weeks he hez crooelly refoozed us credit for likker, and all we hev had is sich ez the proceeds uv the Deekin's double-barreled shot-gun wood bring. He sighed ez he sold it, but when he thot thet niggers to kill were growin skeerce, he wuz reconciled.

"I kin git on without a shot-gun," he sed, "but without likker, never."

I promptly borrered the half uv the price uv him, and in that way am eepin sole and body together.

I migratid over into Ohio that I mite gloat over the distress wich the blisy uv the radikels hed brot onto em, and see whether or no the people ed bin cured uv ther insanity, and wuz ready to return to the Dimeratic fold and submit therselves wunst more to the rool uv their nater-controlers, the South.

Columbus wuz the first pint I struck in the rooined state, and I happened to git there the day the butcher Grant arrived.

I can't say I notist any pertikeler signs uv the rooin I wuz seekin. he blast furnisses wuz all in full blaze, and the smoke, in torment to imekratic soles, wuz assendin to Hevin in scores uv chimneys. The treet wuz crowded with people, and not a sole uv em seemed to realize hat they wuz writhin under the heel uv a finanshel despotism. Trains uv ars wuz a runnin in every direckshun loaded down with people, all uv m in good clothes, and ez I rode along (in a cattle car, wich I took for easons uv a pekooniary nacher), I notist great stacks of hay, and rich, at cattle by the thousand, and houses with the sidin all tightly nailed, nd no glass out uv the winders. At one stashen I heerd one man ask nother to take suthin, and the man paid for it, suthin that hezn't okurred at the Corners for years.

All along the route it wuz the same, and in this city it is even wuss. never wuz so discurridged in my life—never so utterly cast down. The urnaces are all runnin on full time, the heavens is clouded with smoke, he glass factries is hevin all they kin do, the coal miners is all employed, nd ther ain't the slitest prospeck uv any riots or bloodshed. When I emarked to a workman how he liked his chanes, he answered, "Very ell, I thank yoo," and lookin at me ez tho he thot I wuz an escaped onatic, went on with his work.

"Do yoo know yoo are rooined?" I shreeked. "Are yoo aware that yoo re groanin under a odious oppreshun, and are the victim uv grindin desotism? Wat do yoo mean by stayin here and workin instid uv going out holdin mass meetins and resolvin never to submit, and burnin down hops and tearin up rails and sich? Are yoo a man?"

The besotted serf simply remarkt that ef I didn't get out of this he ood show me whether he wuz a man or not, and droppin a piece uv hot on on my foot, jest wher the boot wuz broken, turned away whistlin.

We may ez well make up onr minds to the eleckshun uv another radikel in 1880. We hev no cappitle to go on. The winter wheat looks ez tho her wuz a goin to be anuther cussid big crop, and ther is a good market or all that kin be raised. The price uv manufaktered goods is up so hat proprietors and men are both well paid, and ther ain't a goin to be o more riots or public disturbances uv any kind. The farmers are all atisfied, the mechanics ditto, and they are a goin on clankin ther chanes appily. Wat kin Dimocrisy do when ther aint no distress?

There is no hope for the Dimocrisy, and I mite ez well get my ascenhun robes ready.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgusted).

MR. NASBY'S PILGRIMAGE TO MAINE.

Augusta,
(Wich is in the State uv Maine)
Jan. 6, 1879.

We hev got em.

Ther ain't no doubt uv it.

For neetnis uv idee and facility uv execooshen the Maine plan lays all over the Noo York repeetin noshun, and is ez much sooperior to the Mississippi idee ez daylite is to darknis.

Maine is to Mississippi ez a piano is to a jewsharp.

Between the Maine plan and the Noo York plan uv repeetin ther ain't no more comparison than there is between the Noo York Central railrode and a Kentucky corduroy.

The trouble about the Mississippi plan uv carryin the state for the Dimocrisy is yoo hev to waste a good deel uv money in powder and shot, and there is suthin not altogether pleasant in shootin a radikel. His wife and dawters alluz make a fuss that is onpleasant, onless the bystanders are suffishently full to be entirely oblivious, wich, in the very nacher uv things can't be, for a man full nuff uv sod-corn whiskey not to feel sum sort uv pity for a weepin woman coodent hev the nerve to shoot her husband at all. A slobberin woman isn't a agreeable object, even to a citizen uv Yazoo.

The Noo York plan uv carryin a eleckshun is open to the objeckshun uv expense. The average Irishman will hev so much likker and so much money for every time he repeets, and his leeder hez got to be seen and he must hev his whack with the rest. To kerry a Dimekratik majority in the city uv Noo York suffishent to drown out the rest uv the state is a expensive and troublesome thing.

But the kerryin uv Maine for the Dimocrisy, agin a Republikin majority, wuz no trouble at all, and no expense or bother. All Governor Garcelon did wuz to let the people vote. He did not shoot Republikins, ez we do in Mississippy, or buy Irish, ez we do in Noo York. There wuz no interference with the freedom uv the poles—every man votid wich hed a rite to. Nothin cood be fairer than the eleckshun, ez everybody will admit. The Republikins went to bed the nite uv the eleckshun feelin that they hed kerried the state, and the averige Democrat conseeded it.

None uv em made the skeem that wuz revolvin in the mind uv Garcelon, the Napoleon uv the Northeast. The Republikin electid to the legislacher found a few days after that he wuzn't electid at all. In the returns wuz found t's that hedn't bin crossed and i's that hedn't bin dotted, and he wuz throwd out becoz the returns wuz defective. Ther wuz no errors in the Dimocratic deestriks. It hed bin fixed that the t's shood all all be crossed and the i's all dottid; but wo to the Republikin deestriks wher this important matter hed bin keerlessly attendid to. We hev the legislacher and the next Senator, and the controle uv the state.

Dimekrats uv Noo York, stop buyin votes—there is a shorter way to victry.

Dimekrats uv Mississippy, throw away yoor shot guns, and stop buyin powder and slugs. A Yankee Demokrat hez showed yoo a better way uv beetin a majority. Violence and bribery is played out—Garcelon hez pinted out a better way and a cheaper.

Will he stand firm? The man wich kin conceeve sich a thing ought to

hev the stamina to kerry it out. I know he will. I hev bin with him four days, and ef he don't, I am no judge uv human nacher—uv his kind.

Halleloojy! I see a lite. It breaks in the East. I hev an addishnel proof uv the trooth uv the Skripters, for is it not written that the wise men cum from the East? It shood hev bin addid also that a great many uv the recklis ones cum from the same seckshun.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, Jubilant.

A REVIEW OF THE MAINE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
January 24, 1880.

Sence my return from Augusty, I hev heerd the nooze from the state uv Maine. That onmittygatid noosance, Jim Blane, hez yookered the Dimocrisy, and hez taken poseshun uv the state, and wat is wuss, a very hevvey majority uv the people uv the state sustane him in yooserpashen.

The people uv Maine are so besotted that they skornfully reject the sweet boon uv Dimekratic rool, and I may say, ez wuz sed about Jerusalem, "We wood hev gathered yoo under our wings ez a hen-hawk gathereth chickens, but ye wood not."

To see the Republikin legislacher comfortably installed in the state house, wich is heated by steam, and hez cushened seets, a passin laws like anything, while the distrest Dimekratic members uv wat we consider the legle legislacher is a holdin its sessions on cold sidewalks, a seat on a fence bein considered a luxury, is a site to move the gods to pitty. And then when one considers that the Dimekratic legislacher is payin its own board and its own likker bills without the remotest hope uv gittin a cent uv it back out uv the state treasury, it is enuff to melt a hart uv stun, and to draw teers from a stun monument.

I sed, when I wrote from Augusty, that the plan uv the Maine Dimocrasy laid over that uv both the Noo York and Mississippy.

I wuz mistaken. The Noo York plan uv buyin eleckshuns won't anser, for the Dimocrisy ain't got no money, and the Republikins can't be bot anyhow. But I find it necessary that the Mississippy plan shood be grafted onto the Maine plan. There shood be a joodishus combinashen uv the two.

Gov. Garcelon wuz entirely rite in countin out the Republikin members, but wat good wuz it ef a Soopreme court cood count em in agin? Rite here wuz where he shood hev adoptid the Yazoo tactics. After he hed countid out enuff Republikins to give the legislacher to the Dimocrisy, he shood hev hed a rifle club in readinis to shoot the countid out members, so that they woodent be likely to come up and clame their seats. Then, to make ashoorance doubly shoor, he shood immejitly hev shot the entire Soopreme court, for it is a melancholy fact that the courts are ginerally agin the Dimocrisy.

Then he wood hev hed em. There wood hev bin no Republikins to contest seats, and ef ther hed bin, there wood hev bin no court to appeal to.

That wood hev bin Napoleonic. Alas Gov. Garcelon is no Napoleon, and so we hev lost Maine, and Blane and Chamberlin triumph! It is sad, and I weep with the discomfitted Dimocrisy.

Notwithstandin the fact that lots uv returns from towns came in, in

which the i's wuzn't dotted and the t's wuzn't crossed, we are forced to resine the legislacher and the controle uv the state to the Radikels, and the Dimocrisy is, literally, out in the cold.

Gov. Garcelon is a failure. He didn't ketch on to the hull idee. His idee uv steelin the state wuz good enuff, but he needid shotguns to hold it. Lackin shotguns, the property slid out uv his hands, and to-day he is a laffin stock. Ef Blane and Chamberlin hed bin in Mississippi, they woodent hev worried us a grate while.

But Dimocrisy is accustomed to defeet, and I hev got so yoosed to it that I don't mind it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Still hopeful).

MR. NASBY GOES TO INDIANA.

Plugville,
(Wich is in the State uv Injeany),
February 4, 1880.

I hevent felt so good ez I do now sence I married a farm in Noo Jersey, over forty yeers ago. That wuz a event in my checkered career which I never shel forget. That event giv me promise uv a long life uv eeze unalloyed by labor, but like other promises, it wuz broke. When the widder diskivered that I wood not either hold the plow or drive, but preferred the sweet content uv the village tavern, she crooelly druv me forth into the cold world, sence wich time I hev shifted about az best I cood, wich is bad enuff. Ther is no free lunches at the Corners.

I come to Pugsville the minit I heerd that a dozen uv niggers, wich hed got the noshen uv leevin their nateral homes in the sunny South, perposed to settle here. I felt it my dooty to aid the strugglin whites uv this seckshun to repel this invashun, that Injeany shood be saved from the horrors uv nigger dominashen. Cood Injeany redoose em to ther normal condishen uv servitood, we wood welcome em, but when they come ez free men it is altogether disgustin.

There wuz four families uv em that got off at the stashun. Wat did they do? They hedn't bin in town a hour afore they wuz inquirin for work, and they all got work to do among a parsel uv Quakers that live just outside the village. There wuz some cabins fitted up for em; and they went to work jist ez nateral ez tho they hed bin yoost to it all their lives. Still the Dimocrisy wuz not alarmed, for it didn't know the volcano it wuz sleepin over.

The postmaster (wich is a troo Dimekrat) wuz the first to sound the alarm. He divulged the stoopenjus fact that them niggers wuz a mailin' letters to other niggers in the South, and he promptly opened one uv em. His wust feers wuz realized. The niggers wuz a writin to ther frens, sayin that they wuz at work regler; that they wuz bein paid regler for their work, and wuzn't at all afeerd uv bein molested, and urged em all wich cood git away to come to-wunst.

Ther wuz a eggscitement among the Dimocrisy wich baffels descripshen. Suppose 200 niggers shood come into this county, and all vote the Republikin tikkit! It wood change the polittikle complexion uv the county, and possibly the state. The immegrashen must be stopped to wunst, and Injeany saved.

I come jist in time to give the movement agin em shape and form, and my work here is the proudest uv my life.

I called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy at Bonebrake's grosery, wich is

ez like Bascom's ez two peas. It is a singler fact that wherever Dimocrisy is in the majority you will find groseries jist like Bascom's, and the proprietor thereof hez alluz the same objeckshun to credit his patrons wich distinguishes that narrer minded citizen.

It wuz a occashen long to be remembered. 'Squire Papman opened by remarkin that the emergency demandid vigrus ackshen. The influx uv degradid niggers into Injeany wuz suthin that threatened the state with untold woes, and he wood resist it to the death. The Quakers wich harbored em shood be visited with the wrath uv all rite minded citizens, and measures shood be taken to not only pervent more comin, but to cleen out them wich wuz here. He submitted the follerin resolooshens:

Wareas, Four families uv niggers hev, in the most owdashus manner, left ther happy homes in the South and settled in this county, bein harbored by evil-disposed persons, and

Wareas, These niggers is stirrin up discontent among their degradid race by representin to em that they kin get work here and get regler pay for the same, and

Wareas, It is a dead shoor thing that these niggers will, every cussed one uv em, vote the Republikin tikkit, and we can't count em out ez easy ez our brethren do in the South, therefore be it

Resolved, That nigger imigrashen is a unmitigated outrage onto the white citizens uv Injeany, and that it must be stopped by the means handiest to us.

Resolved, That ez the nigger is by nacher slothful and indolent, and will never labor ceptin under compensashun, we protest aginst his comin among us to fill our alms-houses and jails, thus imposin additional taxes onto a already tax-burdened people.

Resolved, That ez the nigger will work for less wages than a free-born white man, his comin will naterally thro the poor but honist Caucashen out uv employment.

Resolved, That we reassert the old-time Dimekratic idee that the white man is sooperior to the nigger, and that our dawters shel never be permitted to intermarry with em on no account, even ef we hev to kill the niggers and shet up the gals to pervent it.

Resolved, That we, representin the cappytle and intelligence uv Plugville pledge ourselves never to submit to the dominashen uv a inferior race, and therefore will take measures to remove the four nigger families jest arrived, ez well ez the two wich wuz here afore.

The 'Squire hevin invited all present to take suthin, the resolooshens were yoonanimously passed. The takin suthin wuz, onfortnitly, indefinitely postponed, Bonebrake mildly but firmly refoosin to set out the bottle ontil the 'Squire showed money, wich he wuz onable to do.

But the blood uv Plugville wuz up, and so triflin a circumstance did not destroy ther ardor. A Kentucky Dimekrat needs stimyoolatin when he goes nigger-huntin—the Ingianian does it from a love uv it.

They formed in persceshun and marched out to the Quaker settlement, and in less time than it takes to write these lines the cabins wuz wrecked and ther furnytoor, beddin, and sich yootensils ez they hed, wuz safely hived. Bonebrake took the plunder for likker, and we hed a ginyooine Dimekratic love-feast that nite. It wuz a occashn wich infused new strength into the Dimocrisy uv the seckshun. Plugville hez set a example to the state. I am ez happy here ez I wuz in Kentucky.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Cawcashen).

P. S.—I forgot to menshun that one nigger wuz killed in the melee, and that one nigger woman and her two babies froze to death that nite.

P. S. 2d—Michael O'Flanagan hezn't bin sober sence he got away with

a lookin-glass, two saws, and some baby clothin, on wich Bonebrake advanced him a gallon uv noo whisky. He is lookin for another settlement uv immigrants to cleen out. He sez his motto is "Ameriky for white Amerikins." Michael is opposed to immigrashun clean thru. He wants to know "why they shood lave their homes?" Why, indeed? P. V. N.

MR. NASBY AND HIS FRIENDS MEET AND RESOLVE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Febrooary 28, 1880.

The Corners is serusly alarmed. I read sich uv the Northern papers ez are sent to citizens uv the Corners ez specimen copies (them bein all that the white citizens uv this stanch Dimekratic stronghold ever git), and we are actilly alarmed. Wat trubbles us is booms. There is the Grant boom, the Blaine boom, the Sherman boom, and several other varieties, and they all appear to be genooine. A boom in the abstrack wouldn't bother us much, but so many booms, and all uv em bein uv one kind, is simply friteful. Espeshly is it alarmin when we consider that ther ain't no booms for anybody but the most pronounst radikels, and the bigger the radikel the bigger the boom. The Sherman boomers base their boom on the assershun that he is the most intense radikel livin, and Grant and Blane's boomers show that each lays all over the others in this direction. The alarmin feecher is that the Republikin candidates wich ain't radikel don't boom at all; on the contrary, the menshun uv their names is receeved with jeers and sich.

In view uv this condishn uv things I called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, I takin the chair, ez yoosual, and appintin myself committee on resolooshuns, I reported ez follows:

Wareas, The citizens uv Kentucky wich sympathized with the patriotic South in its efforts to bust up a oppressive government, but wuz subdood, not conkered, by the sooperior, brutle force of hordes uv hirelins, are sincerely desirus uv restorin amicable relations with their subdooers, and

Wareas, The citizens aforesed are disposed now, ez they alluz hev bin, to meet any tender uv consiliashun wich may be offered, it is hereby

Resolved, That the way to tetch the Southern hart and bring it back to a consoomin love for the Yoonyun aint by boomin them ez waz prominent in hoomiliatin her.

Resolved, That the Confederacy wants to know how the Confedracy is to be won back to a love for the Yoonyun when nobody but soljers and statesmen wich opposed the Confedracy is held up in the North ez candidates, espeshely ez it is evident that the more they opposed the Confedracy the more they is thot uv.

Resolved, That ef the North wants to consiliate us, they shood nominate men wich hez sympathy with us, and not them uv their own way uv thinkin. Wat kind uv sacrifis do they make for peace, ef they hev things their own way?

Resolved, That the South is willin to give up its consoomin desire for a seprit government pervidin it is permitted to run the Fedral government precisely ez it pleases, the destiny uv the South bein to rool.

Resolved, That the South is generous and forgivin, and wood not make the fact uv a Northern man's havin served in the Fedrel army a positive bar to his eleckshun to the Presidency, pervided alluz, that he did his fightin from a Dimekratic standpint, and hez acted consistently with the Dimocrisy sence the onholy war.

Resolved, That ef the Republikin party shood sink its prejoodesses and nominate Fitz John Porter or Gen. Hancock ez representin the Fed-

rels, and the Dimocrisy shood put up Boregard ez a representative Confedrit, it wood go a great ways toward allayin the growin feelin uv seckshunalism.

Resolved, That to strangle sectionalism, the South perposes to take entire posseshun uv the guvernment.

Resolved, That it is highly time that the North forgits all the ishoos uv the late war, includin the payment uv the Southern war debt, penshonin Southern soljers, the re-enslavement uv the nigger and sich, and perceed immejitly to split upon the money question, tariffs, and the like.

Resolved, That we uv the South hev jest one dooty, which is to forgit all miner ishoos and stand sholder to sholder ez one man till we agin hev that controle uv the kentry wich wuz rested from us in 1861.

These resolooshens wuz yoonanimusly adoptid, after which we adjourned to Bascom's and spent the remainder uv the evenin in innocent hilarity. Bascom hed jest reseeved a barl uv noo likker, and Deekin Pogram had drawd a $50 prize in a lottry, and he hed rescood $20 uv it from the rapasity uv his wife and dawters wich wanted to squander it on close and sich. When Bascom saw that $20, he relaxed his habityooal osterity and jined the revellers, goin so fur ez to treat wunst hisself, and givin me and Issaker Gavitt credit for two rounds each. It wuz really a refreshin season.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Encurridged).

DISCUSSING A DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 13, 1880.

The question ez to wich honist statesman the Dimocrisy shel nominate for the Presidency hez agitated the Corners oncommonly uv late. The Dimocrisy uv the Corners will vote for anybody that the convenshun chooses to put on the track, for the Corners recognizes that the fust dooty uv a Dimecrat is to open his mouth and swaller watever his leeders chooze to drop in it. The Dimocrisy uv the Corners is a very easy one to git on with. None uv em reed, without sich great labor that they reely don't consider it worth while wat it costs, and their information, like their close, is ginerally second-handid.

I desided that it wus best to hold a meetin to assertane wat wuz the preferences uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners on this important matter, and akkordinly called one. I am ruther fond uv holdin meetins, for it not only helps to manetane my importance, but ginerally I manage to git Bascom interested to the pint uv askin us all to take suthin, wich is soothin to the bowels. Likker earned in that way is sweet, for it tastes jist ez good ez tho yoo paid for it, and the gittin uv it is a triboot to yoor genius.

There wuz a great diversity uv opinyun on this pint, and every man in the meetin hed a candidate uv his own. Deekin Pogram wuz quite yoonanimus in favor uv Voorhees, uv Injeany, for the first place on the tikkit, for various reasons. Fust, there wuzn't any doubt about his Dimocrisy. He wuz doorin the late onpleasantnis a staunch friend uv the South, and is to-day jist ez yooseful to us ez tho he wuz actilly a Southern man. In our opposishun to seckshunalism we insist upon hevin a man entirely Southern in feelin. The fact that Voorhees is a Northern man does not count agin him. We are opposed to seckshunalism, and are willin to vote for a Northern man, if we kin depend upon his entire devoshen to the South. That is all we require.

Another man wantid Tilden, another Bayard, uv Delaware, and yit another Thurman, uv Ohio, while a great many wuz entirely willin to support Hancock, and even Gen. McClellan hed some friends.

Finelly some one asked ef the Dimocrisy uv the Corners hed thot uv the great and good Tilden wich wuz swindled out uv the Presidency by eight to seven. Was there no sence uv justis in the Corners?

From every part uv the meetin-house ther ariz a murmur uv disapproval.

"We don't want no Tilden in ourn," sed several; "he is the tool uv the bloatid bond-holder!"

"No Tilden for me," sed another, "he is opposed to onlimited greenbax; and wants to pay off the nashnel debt."

"No Tilden!" shouted the entire meetin, yoonanimusly. "Anybody but Tilden."

Deekin Pogram moved that it was the sense uv this meetin that Senator Voorhees, uv Injeany, wuz the proper man to bear the Dimecratic banner to victry, and I wuz about to put the moshun when that onmitigated cuss, Joe Bigler, wich is a torment, rose and sed he hed a remark to make before the question wuz put.

'Are yoo aware, Josef, that this is a Dimekratik meetin?" I remarkt.

"Hevin inventoried the noses uv them in attendance, smelt ther breaths and gazed on their cloze, I am aware this is a Dimekratik convenshun."

"Are yoo a Dimekrat, Josef?"

"Ez I am meditatin an entire repoodiashen uv wat I owe, and hev determined to quit work and jine the cirkle at Bascom's, I kin say I am, or at leest soon will be."

"Then I 'spose we shel hev to heer wat yoo hev to say."

"Uv course yoo will. Yoo ginerally do hear what I hev to say. Wat I wanted to git at is this: The Corners will rooin itself by supportin Voorhees. How much does Parson Nasby owe the Corners?"

Every man in the awjence riz to his feet ez ef by instink.

"He owes me ninety-six dollars!" yelled Deekin Pogram.

"And me a hundred and forty!" ejakelated Issaker Gavitt.

And every man uv em statid the mizable sum I owed him, till the aggergate swelled to over a thousand dollars.

"Do yoo want yoor money?" sed Josef.

"We do! We do!" sed they in korus.

"My friends," continnered he, "Voorhees hez no money. Voorhees hezn't a cent to buy a delegate with, and wat earthly chance wood our esteemed friend hev to bring back anything from the convenshun, ef he goes instructid to vote for Voorhees? Uv course he will be yoor delegate, and uv course yoo expect him to come bringin sheeves. Friends uv the Corners, yoo don't want Voorhees, ef you want yoor money. Yoo want a man wich hez the disposishun to buy, and the money to buy with."

"Uv course we do—uv course we do! D—n Voorhees!" they all exclaimed.

"Gentlemen!" sed Josef, "wat yoo want is Tilden. Tilden hez money—barls uv it. Tilden is a patriot wich don't want any delegate to vote for him for nothin. That eminent patriot will be in Cincinnati with his money. He will hev his headquarters full uv it, and whoso wants will be permitted to plunge into that barrel elbow deep. It is uv vital interest to the Corners that he be our nominee."

And immejitly a half dozen moved that the name uv Tilden be substituted for Voorhees, and it wuz carried yoonanimusly.

Josef Bigler then moved that his esteemed friend Nasby be the delegate, wich wuz carried.

I wuz so grateful to Josef for this that I actilly come down from the chair and embraced him.

"Hold on!" sed Josef, "go slow, Parson. I hev another moshun to make. I move also that a committy uv the Parson's creditors be appinted to accompany him to Cincinnati, to see that after gittin the money he brings it back with him. I do not doubt the Parson's honesty, but I don't like to expose him to temptashun. Human nacher is week."

And this moshun wuz carried, and Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter was made sed committy, and they wuz instructid to receive the money theirselves, and to divide it pro rata among my creditors.

And the meetin adjourned, Josef remarkin ez we left the house, "Ain't it wonderful, Deekin, how little things inflooence great ones? Only think uv it: possibly yoor vote will nominate the great Tilden. Sposn yoo hed never come to the Corners, and never borrered money, the old man mite never hev bin President. But I don't know, after all. Yoo'd hev borrered it somewhere else."

I wish to Hevin that Jo Bigler wood die. Here I am forced to go to Cincinnati, with the certinty uv a decent pile, and no good to me. Wat good does it do to pay debts? I can't drink the likker over that money paid for, nor kin I eat the same meals over agin. That is gone. But I spose I shel hev to stand it. But all the same, ef they git that money I shel confess I hev fallen into my dotage.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Delegate-elect).

MR. NASBY HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH TILDEN.

Noo York, March 20, 1880.

I am present an inmate uv a convenient but very cheap hotel in the vicinity uv Gramercy park, the residence uv the great Tilden, wich wood hev invited me to stay with him, but unfortoonitly his house wuz full uv Dimecrats from all parts wich come to persuade him to save the kentry by consentin to run for the Presidency. In the kindest manner, however, he is paying my board here (I bein a delegate-elect to the Cincinnati convenshun), he makes me a fair allowance for my prinsipal expenses, wich is the bar uv the house.

I hed a intervew with the great man yisterday, wich wuz entirely satisfactory. Indeed, the close uv it wuz more than satisfactry, ez I kin now git not only a noo soot uv cloze, but kin approach Bascom for six months without askin credit, pervidin the influx uv drummers from Loolsville keeps up, and they display their accustomed libralty in askin the whole house up to drink.

Mr. Tilden remarked that he did not now, nor never hed desired the Presidency. Ef he knowd hisself, he wuz a simple-minded man wich desired to pass the remainder uv his days in peace and quiet with his friends and not be worried with pollytix or biznis. But wat cood he do? The kentry wuz his wife and children, and they demanded that he take the seet. They demandid in 1876, and he yeelded then, and he spoosed he shood hev to now.

"In wat way, Mr. Tilden, do yoo perpose to meet this almost yoonanimus demand uv the Amerikin people for yoo to accept the nominashen?"

"I shel do everything that in me lies to meet the wishes uv my fellow citizens. I shel start out with the pint that a great fraud wuz committed four yeers ago, when I wuz swindled out uv the Presidency after investin three milyuns uv hard-earned money in a buyin it, and that——"

"Will yoo hev Cronin, uv Oregon, intervewed, and the cipher dispatches republished?"

"That wuz the work uv my nevew, Pelton, and other enthusiastic but indiscreet friends uv mine. I am a innosent and gilelis old man, and liable to be imposed upon. Ef the cry uv fraud don't move the convenshun, my nevew Pelton will gently intimate that ef the Dimocrisy don't take me they can't carry Noo York, and a Dimecrat can't be electid. That will hev its effeck upon them ez desire posishun in the postoffis department and the custom-houses, and will doubtlis, to yoose slang, fetch em. It is a pint."

"Spozn that fails?"

"In that event only one thing remains. We must hev a pure government, with a pure man at its head. Ef these two considerashns don't inflooence em, I shel take the heads out uv two or three barls and buy the entire convenshun. The country must be saved. And then——"

The gilelis old man's spare figger seemed to dilate ez does a warrior's when he meets a foeman.

"And then will come the struggle. I will hev my literary buro sendin out ready-made editorials to all the Dimecratic press, promisin every seckshun everything—I am not seckshunal and hed jest ez soon buy the electoral vote uv a Northern state ez a Suthern one—I shel parsel out the offises, I shel buy men wher I kin git em. John Morrissey is ded, but there are others to start pool-rooms, to inflooence the waverin. I shel put all the old machinery to work, with a lot uv new that I hev recently invented and this time I shel make no mistake. I know more about Presidenshel eleckshuns than I did then, and beside that I hev made a couple uv milyun uv dollars in the past four years, and in the intrest uv a pure government I will spend every cent uv it buyin the eleckshun, to inflooence free and independent voters. I will do it this time shoor."

The sage and patriot then gave me direckshuns ez to how to manage the Kentucky delegashun, and promised that I shood be his agent in buyin up stubborn ones, and that I shood be on the committy wich shood parcel out the offises for Kentucky. Uv course the postoffis at the Corners wuz to be mine, tho the sage and patriot did hint that ef the Kentucky delegashun wuz yoonanimus the collectorship at Looisville wood be mine. He spoke definitely on this pint.

"My dear friend," he remarked, ez he prest my hand at partin, "remember the collectorship at Looisville, and whisper to yoor friends that my barl is the only one that will be opened. A wink is ez good ez a nod to a mule."

Uv course Mr. Tilden is my candidate. He kin appreshiate patriotism, and is the first candidate that hez ever promised me anything better than the Corners postoffis. I shel go home to labor for him with all my mite.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,

(For Tilden first, last and all the time.)

P. S.—I don't know about Tilden, after all. Another Kentuckian wich is stoppin at the same hotel, remarkt to me, confidenshelly, that he esteemed Mr. Tilden the greatest patriot uv modern days. And he went on to say that the great and good man hed desired him to see that the Ken-

ucky delegashen wuz yoonanimus for him.. "The fact is, Nasby," sed this nan, "ef Tilden is nominated and electid I am promised the collectorship of Looisville, and I kin give yoo a nice berth in it. I'll make it yoor interest to support him."

This wuz encurridgin to me, for I wuz about to make him the same offer.

P. S. No. 2.—Later last nite two other Kentucky Dimekrats come to me with the same proposishen. How many collectors does Looisville need?

P. S. NO. 3.—An enemy uv the gilelis patriot hez caused Mr. Tilden serious trouble. He caused it to cirkelate privitly among the Dimocrisy that the great and good Tilden desired to meet, personally, them upon whom he expectid to confer appintments, on the 19th inst., at his house. The streets wuz ful for five blocks with a perceshun ez long ez a St. Patrick's day. Among em wuz exactly 38 statesmen wich hed bin informed thet he wuz the gilelis statesman's choice for the Vice Presidency, and who hed bin promised that his inflooence shood be throwd for them. It didn't ánnoy the gilelis man at all. Ez he blandly remarkt to me, "these gentlemen are all committed, publicly to me, and they can hardly go back on wat they hev told their constitoo ents."

Mr. Tilden is a great, ez well ez gilelis man. P. V. N.

MR. NASBY RETURNS TO KENTUCKY.

Harp uv Erin Tavern,
Noo York, April 26, 1880.

I am more and more impressed, ez time flies on, with the greatnis and patriotism uv Sam'l J. Tilden, the Great Defrauded. His entire devoshun to his common kentry, his utter simplissity uv character, the gilelisnis uv a naterally simple nacher, wich contact with the world hez never corruptid, and his general child-like trust in the jestis uv his fellow-men, all combine to make him a man wich to see is to love, and wich to be in confidenshel relashuns with him, in a monetary way, is to be supported.

I hev bin for several weeks residin at the Harp uv Erin Tavern, hard by Gramercy Park, arrangin Kentucky for the sage uv Noo York. It is needlis to add that I don't pay my own board. In the interests uv his common kentry, the good Mr. Tilden hez the bill sent to hisself, for he recognizes the fact that the labrer for his common kentry is entitled to his daily bred, and a libral allowance for likker and the other necessaries uv lite. The good Mr. Tilden hez ten or a dozen patriots uv my kind at the same place, and life with us is not altogether gloomy. We all sleep in one room, but there are three meals a day, and unlimitid credit at the bar. A man wich can't live on this is a Sybarite wich hez no place in a virchus republic.

I concluded Kentucky yisterday, and start for home to-morrer. I hed two hours with Mr. Tilden, the good Tilden, and we fixed the hull matter.

"I don't want to be President," sed the gilelis old man, "but the good uv our common kentry demands it. A man wich don't make sacrifices for his kentry shood be compelled to live under a corrupt aristocracy. How is Kernel Plunger, uv Covington?

"The Kernel is for Thurman," sed I.

"Tell the Kernel that ef that deestrik goes for me he shel hev the postoffis at Covington, and that mortgage onto his house will be attendid to. No patriot wich wants to be President will pay him more than I will, wich is drawd out uv retiracy relucantly, and solely for the good uv a common kentry."

I replied that I thot that wood fix the Kunnel. Referrin to a memorandum book marked Kentucky, he went on:

"Gen. Podger, uv Lexington, hez bin sayin suthin for Bayard. It won't do. Ef my sufferin kentry elex me to the Presidency, wich I consent to solely on its account, and aginst my will, he shel hev the postoffis there, and sich money ez he expends in kerryin the deestrik furnisht him, and his bills shel not be looked into very closely. In savin one's kentry, a patriot must be libral. Wat is paltry dross compared with the good uv one's kentry? And Major McGrath?"

I replied that the Major wuz not altogether satisfied with givin the sage uv Noo York the nominashen, but that I wuz satisfied he wuz waitin to be seen.

"See him. Find out eggsackly how much he wants, and premise him anything in the way uv offises that he requires. In the great work uv savin one's kentry, promises can't be too freely made. Offer him the postoffis there."

"Honored and patriotic sir," I replied, "that offis hez bin already promised to three men."

"Hev they sense enuff to keep their mouths shut till after the convenshun?"

"I feer not, patriotic and honored sir."

"Then offer him a furrin mishn, and a small amount uv money in hand Thank the Lord," sed he fervently, "for furrin mishns. Yoo don't hev to specify, and there are a great many uv em. Yoo can't hev two postoffises in one place, but there are a great many furrin mishuns, and a great many more kin be made, ef need be, to save our common kentry. I hev alluz beleeved that our common kentry wuz not properly represented abroad, and that ther ought to be at leest one consul for every Congressional deestrik, and twict ez many full mishuns. I hate to double up, but wat kin I do? Ther ain't nothin I won't sacrifice to our common kentry. For its sake I am being drawd out uv retirement—for its sake I am willin to serve ez its President—for its sake I am willing to open jest ez many barls ez my unbought friends desire—and shel I hesitate for its sake to promise the same offis to five men? Never! No troo patriot wood balk at so small a thing ez that. Let em come. They shel hev all they want. Kin Kunnel Simmons be depended onto?"

"Honored and patriotic sir, Kunnel Simmons adores you in his heart, I am certain. But the Kunnel is labrin under finanshel troubles, and he hez hesitated, to see wich candidate wood giv—"

"I understand the Kunnel, and I am his man. Ashoor the Kunnel that the collectorship uv his district—"

"But, honored and patriotic sir," I replied, looking at my memorandum, "that offis hez bin promist to four men alreddy."

"So it hez," replied the patriot, "so it hez. Very good. He must hev a furrin mishn. Tell him to select any one he likes, and give him my word for it. Will that anser?"

"Better than anything. The Kunnel is so hevily in debt that a residence abroad wood soot him better than to remain at home. He cood hev the flag uv our common kentry wavin over his offis, wich wood console him for his enforced eggsile. He wood prefer the flag uv his common kentry over his offis in Guatemala to the Sheriff's flag over his house in Kentucky. The Sheriff's flag is a lurid red, and is not variegated enuff for him."

There wuz some more arrangements uv like nacher, when I bid the

great and good man good bye, and departed for my feeld uv labor.

"Don't forgit," sed he, ez he wrung my hand at partin, "that the collectorship at Looisville is your'n."

I shan't forgit it, but ez it hez bin promised to six other patriots, to my certin knollege, I shan't buy a brown stun front house to-morrer, on the strength uv it. Whether I git that or not, I hev got wat I hev in my pockit, and I shel hev the postoffis at the Corners, bein ez I am the only Dimocrat in that region wich kin write. This much I am shoor uv. But Mr. Tilden is a troo patriot, and does love his common kentry.

Hopefully,

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Tilden).

MR. NASBY ADVISES THE DEMOCRACY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
May 15, 1880.

When I wuz a boy I read a fable, written by a man named Esup, whose principal biznis wuz writin fables (wat paper he writ em for I really don't know), about a dog wich wuz crossin a bridge with a bone in his mouth. He saw the shadder uv the bone in the water, and thinkin that two bones wuz better than one, dropped the one in his mouth to ketch the other. Consekently he lost the wun he hed without gittin another.

The Dimocrisy is very like that dog. We hev in our mouth, jist now, a very excellent bone. We hev the Congris, the Senit and the power to elect the next President. Uv course we want to achieve the possibilities, but wat folly it is to hazard wat we hev on the mere chance uv gittin more.

The South, wich is the Dimocrisy, is in a very comfortable sitoashen now. Ez I sed, we hev the Congris, and we kin strengthen that Congris to almost any extent next year. Then next yeer we kin, ef we play our keerds right, elect a President, and then the entire government is in our hands, to do with ez we please.

With this comes the postoffices, the custom houses and the contrax—everythin that the Dimecratic patriots hev bin deprived uv for twenty long and weary years.

All this we are liable to lose, by snatchin at the bone that is shinin in the water, wich, like faith, is simply the promise uv things hoped for. How?

By the folly uv the South. The Dimocrisy never hev hed the dedwood on everythin they wantid that they did not kick it over by askin too much, and alluz askin it at the wrong time. Wat is the yoose uv urgin the payment uv claims for Southern losses in the war, afore we git the power to pay the clames? Wat yoose is it to insist on the payment uv Suthern patriots for ther freed niggers afore we kin hev the power safe in our hands to pay em? Wat yoose is it to ask for a custom- house at the Corners, and the slack-watrin uv Secession Crik afore we hev a Congris thro wich the nessary appropriashen kin be slid?

The pint now is moderashen. The South wants to be ez wise ez the serpent, and, jist now, ez harmlis ez the dove. Espeshly ez wise ez the serpent. But the time will come—well, I needn't say no more about that.

The proper thing for the Dimocrisy to do is to sing very small. We

want to nominate for President the most mild-mannered man that ever cut a throat or scuttled ship. He must be as good as a gradooate uv the Andover theollogikle seminary, and a man without a record. The candidate for Vice President must hev a record like a Sunday-skool teacher and a face wich will sustane his record. The platform must be solid on the moralities, nd hev nothin in wich cood offend a Connecticut deekin; there must be nothing in it but the most exalted patriotism, nothing but wat a Andersonville prizner cood endorse. I, knowin both sides, cood write, sich a platform, and it wood be one wich even the most ardent Northern man wood endorse; it woodent say much, but wat it did say, and wat it didn't say, woodent meen nothin.

After the eleckshun it wood be another thing. When we hev our President electid, and when we hev Congris, both branches, in our hands, possibly it might reed different. Possibly the platform wich didn't meen nuthin mite blossom into possibilities wich wood make glad the Cross Roads. Possibly the President mite recommend the slack-watrin uv Confedrit Creek under a plank wich endorst libral and wise internal improvements. Possibly the emancipated niggers mite be paid for under the plank wich insisted on the doing away with seckshunal animosities, and possibly the establishment uv slavery mite be accomplished agin, under some arrangement uv apprenticeship, or watever mite be deemed advisable to accomplish so vital a result.

But all this cannot be accomplished by the tactics wich the party is adoptin now. The party hez got to lay low. It must hev more consiliatory peeple at the hed. The North is skeery, and this ain't the time to skeer it. Ef we are stoopid enuff to let out all that we want, we shel lose wat we hev. The Injeany Dimocrat is our good friend, but he ain't eddicatid up to the pint uv doin all that we want, jist now. He hez got to be brot up to it by degrees. When he is in a postoffis, and his stayin in depends on his bein convinst that the South is all there is uv the Yoonitid States, except for purposes uv taxashen, he will be mity easy convinst. But not till then.

Hence, I insist onto moderashun—before the eleckshun. We musn't skeer nobody. We want to go in on the cry uv reform, uv consiliashen, uv fraternal feelin, and everything uv that kind. We want to be ez mild ez a pan uv skim milk till we git sekoorly ankered, and then—well, the South knows how to take keer uv herself.

I speek feelinly. I hev bin out uv offis ever sence A. Johnson, uv blessid memory, retired to privit life, and I want to git back. The citizens uv the Corners, wich all hold my doo bills, want me back, and they want their rites restored. They want the old flag and appropriashens. Payin no taxes theirselves, they want the North, wich does, to be forced to make good all that they lost in ther attempt for their rites, and ez much more ez they kin be forst to bleed. This we must hev, and ther is but one way to git it. That way is moderashun, and not showin our hand till it is called.

Will the nashnel convenshun foller this advice? We shel see; if it is wise it will do it, and in one more yeer we shel be luxuriatin in fresh pasters, kivered with tall clover.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Sage)

THE NEWS OF GARFIELD'S NOMINATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 14, 1880.

The nooze uv the nominashen uv the liberty-crushin, freedom-stranglin Garfield wuz receeved at the Corners yisterday afternoon, with profound surprise. Not one uv us hed antissipated it. We hed expected it wood be either Grant, Blane, or Sherman, and I hed spent two days in Loolsville gittin together the nessary aboose to be yoosed in the deestrik agin em three men, but Garfield's nominashen makes that labor all in vane. I can't beet Garfield by sayin that Grant wuz a hoss-thief, or that Sherman wuz a bank robber, and Blane a ralerode wrecker. I shel hev to either wait till our committees git up their skandals on Garfield, or invent some myself. I don't keer about it here in Kentucky, for it wood do jest ez well to yoose the Grant matter for Garfield, but when I go over into Injeany where some uv the Dimocrisy, at leest, kin reed, it wood be different. My peeple here are difficult to handle, tho not in the same way. When Grant's name wuz fust perposed I spoke uv him ez bein connectid with the whisky ring. Immejitly the Corners broke out ez one man in cheers for him, and I had difficulty to keep em from organizin a Grant club on the spot. They admire a man who kin beet the guvernment in whisky. Deekin Pogram sed uv Gen. Grant, in Sunday skool: "He who prodooses cheep whisky is greater than he who conquereth a Confederacy." The old saint is, uv late, droppin into a habit uv mixin his scripter—suthin he never does with his likker.

The nooze struck us unfavorable. Deekin Pogram, after askin who Garfield wuz, sighed: "Wat kin be expected uv a Republic where canal-boat drivers and skool-teachers aspire to high offices? Whoever the Dimocrisy nominatid, hewantid a gentleman, and rawin a still longer sigh and remarkin that the day for good old Suthern gentility wuz gone, and that the government hed gone into the hands uv grovelin mechaniks and skool-masters, he asked Bascom to give him credit for drinks all around, wich Bascom promptly declined to do, and the Deekin sot down dry-lipped and discontentid.

Issaker Gavitt wuz uv the opinion that when a party recklessly nominated so corrupt a man ez Barfield (I immejitly corrected him), well, Garfield, there wuz no hope for the republik. A candidate for the Presidency shood receive it from the hands of the peeple with pure hands. It must come to him unbought," and Issaker, pullin out the last $5 of the $25 he hed receeved from Tilden to kerry our deestrik, askt the Deekin up to take suthin. The toast wuz, "Tilden and His Barl. May the one last jist ez long ez the other."

Capt. McPelter, wich wuz a layin on his back on Bascom's long table, remarkt that the eleckshun uv Garfield meant rooin. It wood be a extinguisher to enterprise, a crusher to honist labor, and a squelcher uv industry. The Captin wood hev gone on, but fetchin a friteful yawn he remarkt that his corn wuz suffrin for want uv labor to hoe it, and turned over and went to sleep, the flies settlin one by one on his nose. Ez he hedn't any money we let him slumber.

Capt. Podgers remarkt that ef ther wuz one thing above another that he worshipped it wuz a kentry in wich all men hed ekall rites. It wuz

the corner-stun uv the republic, and the foundashen uv the Dimekratic party. Ez for hisself—

The Captin seein suthin in the street rushed out in the middle uv his speech. He returned in a few minits, and washed his hands in Bascom's sink.

"Wat wuz it, Captin?" I asked.

"Oh, nothin. It wuz that nigger from Linkenville, wich hed the audassity to claim a rite to vote here, last eleckshun. I swore I'd kill him ef he ever put his nose into this place agin. I'd a done it, too, only Jo Bigler kim up afore I hed time to finish him. But he won't never offer a vote at these poles no more."

Feelin that some formal expression wuz nessary from the Corners, we organized a meetin and I proposed some resoloosheus, orally. In them resoloosheus I denounst the Republikin party ez one that wuz sappin the very foundashens uv Amerikin liberty, and that the safety uv the kentry demanded that the government of the kentry be entrusted to the Virchoo and Intelligence uv the Dimekratic party, uv wich the Cross Roads wuz a shinin part. I sketched these ruffly with a pencil and sot down to draw em out in full, when the cussid chair broke under me—Bascom's chairs are alluz breakin—and I sprained my wrist so that I cood not write.

Ez I am the only Dimekrat in the Corners ez kin write, and ez no proud and hawty Caucashen wood ever ask assistance from the inferior Afrikin, them resoloosheus wuz not put upon paper, and are lost to the party forever. It wuz pervokin, but my life hez bin a succession uv disappointments.

Ez soon ez the national Dimekratic committy shel send me the nessary dockements concernin Garfield, I shel take the stump agin him, pervided alluz that they send the sinoos uv war. For wat kin a Dimekrat do without money? I snuff the battle afar off, and am glad the fray is at hand. I shel live in clover till November, anyhow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Champion.)

P. S.—A cold chill struck the Corners last nite when the noose reached us that Tilden wuzn't a goin to run. "Wat kin we do in the Corners without his barl?" asked Issaker. And Bascom wich knowd he'd git all that wuz appropriated for this seckshun, wuz in sich a state uv disgust that he thretened to shut up at eight o'clock. Confidence wuz restored, however, by subsekent nooze that he shood hev Payne, uv Ohio, nominated, and that Payne hed even a bigger barl than Tilden. Then Bascom smiled agin, and hope wunst more illumined our noses. The Corners don't keer wich gits the Dimekratic nomination so that he hez a barl, and knows how to yoose it. Possibly Payne wood be better than Tilden, for he is a new man, and wood hev to buy us all over. Sich uv us ez hev reseeved money from Tilden held a meetin and resolved that wat Tilden hed paid us shood not count for any other man. The new man must commence at the beginnin, jist ez Tilden did. Bascom wuz so elated at this prospeck that he called for three cheers for Payne, and set up drinks all around. Thus in the general Sahara uv my life there is occasional oasisses.

P. S. No. 2.—The Corners is wild with eggscitement. A man from Looisville arrived last nite, and sed that it hed bin determined to nominate Payne, uv Ohio, and that he wuz worth not a cent less than five millions uv dollars, and wuz more libral even than Tilden. The Corners is neerly crazy. We only wish the convenshun wuz further off, that there mite be time for still another change. P. V. N.

THE CORNERS MAKES A MISTAKE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1880.

The Corners is alluz being made the victim uv mistakes, wich will never end till we git rid uv Joe Bigler, or till our people git into a habit uv reedin. On some akkounts I wish our peeple did reed. They woodent make so many blunders, but on the other hand they woodent be so eesy to manage. It is a bad thing for Dimocrisy when peeple git to readin and thinkin for theirselves.

Joe Bigler come around to Bascom's last nite and reportid that he hed advices from Cincinnati, and that the nominashen uv Tilden and reform wuz a shoor thing. He sed the Southern Brigadiers hed so decided, and that settled it.

Bleevin in the words uv this arch deseever wich takes delite in confusin us, I immejitly organized the Faithful into a meetin. I remarkt that we hed wunst more a candidate under wich we cood rally, without any feer uv results. We wuz, happily, rid uv the military element in Dimocratic pollytix, a element wich evry troo Dimocrat despised, onless it wuz clothed in gray.

"Wich uv us is ther," I remarkt, "who does not remember the disgust with wich the nominashen uv Micklellan inspired us in 1864? We wuz then compelled to cast our ballots for a man wich coodent help slawterin some uv our brothers, tho, to do him justice, I wood say that he did jest as little uv it ez he cood. The convenshen now in seshun don't make no sich mistake. Saml. J. Tilden hez ever bin the frend uv the South, and never drord no sword agin it. He wuz our friend, fust and last, and I shel never cease to revere his name till I forgit the $450 he paid me for my vote at St. Louis four yeers ago. He is no bloo coatid hirelin wich went forth to destroy us, ez did Garfield; he is a man uv peece, wich is wat we want the North to alluz nominate. In the South we hev different views. Then I moved the adopshen uv the follerin resolooshens:

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, now ez ever, deprecates the nominashen uv men for civil ofises wich hev nothin but military records to back em.

Resolved, That holdin the late war to be an unprovoked assault upon the liberties uv the South, we rejoice that the Dimekratic convenshun hez given us a candidate wich hez no military record to apologize for, and no blood uv the South to anser for.

Resolved, That the Corners, in the interest uv constitooshnel liberty, and uv free government, will give S. J. Tilden every vote in the precinct, and ef any nigger or Northern agitator in these parts attempts to break our unanimity by votin for Garfield, that his head shel be broken promptly and to-wunst.

The resolooshens wuz past immejitly, and Bascom wuz so delited that he to wunst announst a suspenshun uv the rools, and remarkt that in view uv the speedy openin uv Tilden's barl, he wood also open a barl, and wood give credit to-nite, ef he glode into bankruptcy to-morrow. Bascom does git deliteful streeks now and then.

Everything wuz now ez I wantid it. Bascom wuz tappin a fresh barl, and the Dimocrisy stood around in a state uv expectancy wich may be imagined but cannot be described. Our mouths wuz a watrin for the likker wich wuz to come. Bascom wuz a fillin the bottle to pass it around,

when jist at the most unforchoouit time, Pollock, the Illinoy disturber, come in. That man is alluz a bird uv ill-omen.

"Bigler," sed he, "I hev jist receeved a telegram from Cincinnati. It ain't Tilden at all."

"Who is it?" I demanded.

"Gineral Winfield S. Hancock," sed he, "a Fedrel soljer."

And he an Bigler walked out, Bigler leerin at me in the most feendish manner.

I am very seldom caught in a dilemma wich I can't git out uv, but this rather staggered me, and it did the Dimocrisy assembled.

"Hancock!" growled Issaker Gavitt. "Why, Hancock wuz a soljer wich wuz at Gettysburg, and agin us."

"Hancock be d—d," sed Dekin Pogram, "he fit agin us from first to last."

It took me several minits to collect myself, wich I did while I wuz burnin the resolooshens wich we hed past. But I finally got my thots together.

"My friends," sed I, "don't be too fast. Come to think uv it we wuz too fast to go to passin resolooshens till we knowd for sertin wat we wuz a resolootin about. We hev committid them resolooshens to the flames, and we won't pass no more till we hev wat the convenshun actooally did, under the name uv the president and secretary. Then we will pass a set wich will reaffirm wat they hev dun with great cheerfulness and alacrity.

"A Dimekrat's fust dooty is to obey his convenshun, and to do wat his convenshun direx him to do. I don't deny but wat my hart is somewat tried by the nominashen uv a Fedrel soljer wich bore arms agin us. But why shood we repine? Why shood we question the wisdom of the choice? Wich seckshun controled that convenshun? Paws and refleck. Wuz it the North or the South? Ef the North, wat diffrence is ther betwixt a Northern Dimekrat and a Suthern one anyhow? But the Northern Dimekrats didn't hev nothin to do with it. The convenshun wuz controled entirely by the solid South. The Brigadeers wuz all there. Ther wuz Wade Hampton, uv blessed memory. Ther wuz all uv em. Ther wuz present every long-haired man wich hed bin prominent in the defense uv the South, either ez a delegait or ez a influoenshel spectator. Bare this in mind, ther wuzn't a nigger delegait in the entire convenshun—not one! It wuz a convenshun uv white men, actin for white men, and in the interest uv the white men's party.

"Does it make any difrence to the Corners who the figger hed is that is put up? Not at all. The Corners wants Seceshun Crik slack-watred, the Corners wants a custom-house and a postoffis, and the Corners wants her Suthern heroes penshund, and the losses uv the crooil war pade, and done ez quickly ez possible. The Corners, onto wich Bascom hez got a mortgage, wants releef in the shape uv money from the Fedrel treasury, and that immejitly. We want our niggers back agin—we want the old system restored, and the Corners wants to rool this kentry ez it did wunst.

"Ef Hancock is the way, walk ye in it. Does any one suppose that Hancock, wich is to be electid, ef he is electid at all, by the Solid South, is a goin back on the Solid South after his eleckshun? Does the ass know his master's crib? Is he a goin to turn and rend the hand wich feeds him?

"Are we so stoopid ez to spose that the Southern Brigadeers wich run the Cinsinnati convenshun didn't know wat they wuz about? Hevin but one thing to do, do yoo suppose they didn't go and do it? To win, we hev got to kerry some Northern states, and wood it hev bin polisy to hev put up a Brigadeer in gray to hev skeered the Northern Dimocrisy, whose stumicks are still week? We kin forgive a Fedrel gineral, wich, for the sake uv bein President, is willin to undo ez a President all that he did ez a soljer. Wat he did ez a soljer is past—wat he will do ez a President is yet to come. We hev not gone back onto ourselves in nominatin him—ef he goes back upon hisself, that is his own biznis.

"My friends, it is perfectly safe to take any Fedrel soljer wich is willin to take a nominashen at the hands uv Suthern brigadeers, yoo bet yer life. And it is perfectly safe for us to swaller the resoloosheng, no matter wat they may be. They all pint one way. Ef they are for tariff or agin tariff, they mean the old rool uv the glorious South. Ef they are for hard money or soft money, they mean the triumpf uv the South. Micklellan, ef he hed bin electid, wood hev done jist ez well for us ez Jeffson Davis, and so will Hancock."

We adjourned with three cheers for Hancock and the platform, tho we hedn't receeved the platform, and didn't know nothing about it. But ez in the case uv the nominashen, we know the men wich made it, and that's enuff.

Kentucky will role up a good, old-fashioned Dimokratic majority this fall, shoor.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Exultant).

P. S.—Bascom is concerned about the barl. I satisfied that much doubting man by ashoorin him that Tilden's barl wood be opened jist the same. But the nashnel committy want to be in haste about fixin that. We kin take a candidate on trust, but the barl must be a reality. We must know all about that, and for shoor. P. V. N.

THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CORNERS HAVE DOUBTS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 1, 1880.

Ther hez bin altogether too much murmurin among the Dimocrisy uv the Corners to soot me, and I determined to bring it to a hed. The first dooty uv a Dimekrat is to vote the tikkit sot afore him, and ef he can't do that he ain't no Dimekrat. The Western landlord who hed a fastijus boarder wich didn't like hash hed the proper method. When the boarder put in a mild protest that he wood like suthin beside hash, the landlord pulled out a carvin knife, and seezin him by the throte remarkt: "You do like hash, don't yoo?" The boarder looked at the knife and concloodid that hash wuz the best possible food for him, and order wuz restored to-wunst.

Percisely so in pollytix. Ef a Dimocrat don't like a nominashn the carvin knife must be appealed to.

Deekin Pogram swore that he woodn't vote for Hancock, nohow. Hancock wore a bloo uniform doorin the war, and he (Pogram) hed suffered too much by the subjoogashen uv the South to support any man wich hed assistid in the subjoogashen.

Issaker Gavitt woodent vote for Hancock, becoz he bleeved that Til-

den shood hev bin nominatid, or some Dimekrat equally able to open a barl or two.

Bascom didn't like the nominashen for he hed, ez yit, see no indicashen uv any expenditoors for the coz.

Capt. McPelter remarkt that the nominashen uv Hancock wuz a betrayal uv the South, becoz Hancock hed born arms agin the central ijees uv Southern Democrisy.

I hed one reply to make to these misgided men, wich I did. Ez to the barl, there wuz other barls besides Tilden's. Hancock hedn't much uv a barl, but he hed friends wich hed, and English hed one uv his own. The Corners musn't jump at conclooshuns. The Corners kin wait. The refreshen shower will come, and the Corners will git all that it is entitled to. No Reform Dimocratic committee is a goin into a campane without money, and we shel git our share uv it. It is us uv the Corners who hez to colonize the southern counties in Injeany, for the October eleckshun, and uv course ther will be money pervided to pay our expenses. So much for that.

Ez to the nominashen uv Gen. Hancock, wat more cood we want? Wat difference does it make to us who the candidate is? Wat we want is results. I want the post-offis that I may live in comfort and pay wat I owe to the citizens uv the Corners. (Wild cheers.) Issaker Gavitt wants to be collector, and Capt. McPelter wants a place in the revenoo, and Deekin Pogram wants to be suthin or other. Then the Corners wants Seceshn Crik slack-watered, and a ralerode connectin it with the Suthern Pacific, and a custom house, and she wants her Southern soljers penshund, and the losses she sustained made good by the Fedrel government.

Ef Gen. Hancock is electid, is he a goin to continyoo the nigger Lubbock in the postoffis? Is he goin to continyoo Pollock, the Illinoy disturber, ez collector? Is he goin to refooze the Corners the internal improvements they want? Ef we wich electid him wants penshuns and pay for losses, is he goin to refooz?

Not much. The creature kin never be sooperior to the creator. It is we wich will make him President. It is to us that he will owe his rise, and he can't go back onto us.

I ain't a bit afraid uv any man wich will take a nominashen at our hands. A Northern man that will do that may be counted upon to carry out the bargain that gave him to us, for he hez nothin else to do. When sich a man comes over to us he burns his bridges and is ours for keeps. I hed ruther trust him than a Southern man, for he hez everything to make by bein troo to us, and nothin to lose.

Yoo say we mite hev nominatid a Southern soljer jist ez well. Troo, but we could not hev electid him. The North wood resent that, and we shood hev bin no better off than we are now. But Hancock will get the Northern votes necessary to elect him, and ez he will do our work, jist the same ez a Southern man, wat diffrence is it to us? I don't keer wat yooniform a soljer wore in the war, so that he does wat we want him to do now.

We want postoffises, and appropriashens, and ef we elect Hancock we git em, and ef we don't we don't. Let us be as wise as serpints anyhow, jist now, and the dove biznis we will consider hereafter.

The friends took another view uv the matter after my remarks, and decidid that after all it wood be better to support Hancock corjelly. All

uv us agreed to go to Injeany in time to vote there in October, pervided alluz the funds wuz forthcomin. Issaker Gavitt sez he will manage to git in five good votes, and Capt. McPelter is ekally enthoosiastic. The Corners is all rite agin, and the Dimocrisy may look for a good report from Injeany. I shel organize for that state to-wunst. The skies is britenin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (with hopes).

MR. NASBY HAS A HORRID DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 10, 1880.

In all ages uv the world dreems hev been considered prophetic. Jon Bunyan yoosed the similitood uv a dream to portray the struggles and vicissitoods uv a Chrischen life, and I alluz dream when anything especial is a goin to happen to the Dimocrisy. I differ from Bunyan in this: he didn't dreem at all, but he writ ez tho he did, while I actilly do dream.

Last evenin Bascom give a spred in honor uv the nominashen uv Hancock, and ez the provender wuz free, and the likker likewise, I hed for wunst, eggsackly all that my system cood hold, and my system is trooly a holder. Bein very full, I went to my couch, a true Dimekratic Bunyan, to dreem.

In my dreem the Presidenshel struggle took the very nateral form uv a race. It wuz all regeler, the two parties trottin out each a hoss, the winnin post bein the White House.

The Dimocrisy trotted out their hoss, and I felt ruther pleased on the hull. He come up prancin with a free sort uv step, and didn't look ez tho he hed a blemish. Indeed he cum up so gamey that I reely hed faith in his sucksess, tho the other hoss hed a winnin look about him, and cum uv a stock that hez bin winnin for so long that they hev a noshen that they can't be beat.

Our hoss wuz under the groomin uv Senator Wallace, uv Pennsylvany, and he wuz backt by the entire South, and Tammany Hall, and also by scatterin polittikle sports from the other states.

"Now," sed Wallace, "everybody keep away, and don't spoil this race by eny cussid foolishness. I hev fittid this hoss myself, and ef I ride him he's sure to win. Keep cleer uv him, and don't say a word."

"Hold on a minit," sed a long-haired feller from Virginny, "we hev got to hev some assurances to jestify us in backin this hoss," and he flung onto his back an enormous sack labelled "Looisiana administration," and jumped on hisself to keep it in place.

"Jest a minit," sed a Pennsylvany Dimekrat; "he must carry this," and he hove on a package labelled "protective tariff," and he climbed on.

"He kin never run without this," sed a Noo Yorker, and he histed up a very heavy sack labelled "free trade."

Another Noo Yorker and a Massychoosits man climbed up, each with a very heavy package uv honist money, and a Injeany man climbed on with an immense bundle uv fiat money. This hed no weight, but it took up a great deel uv room, and them wich carried it made a great deel uv noise.

Jist afore the start a gang uv Ku Klux from Mississippy climbed on, and, despite Wade Hampton's entreaties, a South Kerliny rifle club scrambled on, end ez ef that wuzn t enuff, John Kelly, with the entire Tammany society delibritly took seats on his back.

Then came a gang loaded with "States' Rites," and a Catholic bishop or two slided into seats jist where they cood hold the reins, and ten or a dozen Confedrit brigadeers, wich woodent take their uniforms off, climbed up, and a full five hundred Southerners with demands for appropriashens hung on to his tale.

Senator Wallace remonstrated, but it wuzn't no yoose. Every man uv em remarkt that ef the hoss coodent kerry him, wat kind uv a hoss wuz it anyhow, and they all yelled, "Start him!"

The word wuz given; the poor broot made a convulsive stagger, and immejitly went down under the load that wuz put upon him. He recovered, and managed to keep on his feet till he struck the fust quarter post, Ohio, when his strength give out, and down he went, rollin over his miscellaneous load with great effect. The other walked over the track, and came in a easy winner.

"How cood eny hoss run, so weighted?" yelled Wallace, in a rage. "It wood hev born down Ginral Washington, let alone sich a ginrel ez Hancock. It's no yoose. The hoss wuz good enuff, but, great Caesar, what a load he hed to kerry!"

While the crowd wuz a strugglin to git out from under the eggsaustid charger, I awoke.

Is this dreem troo? Is Hancock to be loadid with all these weights afore he starts? Is there no way uv keepin out uv site what we don't want to be seen, till after eleckshun?

I fear not. We are neither ez wise ez sarpints or harmless ez doves. It is a providence agin us. We never yit hed a show for success that we did not immejitly fool it away. The radikels are forchunit in our stoopidity. They hev lived onto it for ten yeers. Ef we only hed the sense to run Hancock on his style and military record, and say nothin about anything else, or ef we cood keep our votin element out uv sight till eleckshun day, we mite go through. But ez it is, we are hopelisly gone up. My hart is sad. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despondent).

MR. NASBY ASSISTS GEN. HANCOCK.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Jooly 16, 1880.

I hev bin for sevrel days over at Governor's Island assistin Gen. Hancock, ez a sort uv doorkeeper, wich, inezmuch ez I am certin uv wat I kin eat an drink, is a better thing than the prekarious life I leed at the Corners. Also, when the struggle is over, he can't, ef he is electid, help givin me some posishen sootable to my age and abilities. It soots me very well, and I shel stay here,probably, doorin the campane. I hev succeeded in receivin quite an amount uv money, already, from patriots wich wantid to be admitted to the presence out uv ther turn.

Yisterday wuz a feeld day. We hed delegashens from almost every state in the Yoonyun, all wantin to know suthin uv the General's vews on the various questions now before the people, and they wuz admitted one by one. The first wuz a delegashen from Noo York and Boston, wich wuz anxshus to get his noshuns on the finanshel question.

"Representin," sed the spokesman, "the great finanshel institooshens uv the kentry, we ask for a plain and explicit declarashen ez to yoor finanshel polisy in the event uv yoor eleckshun."

I never shel forgit the general's answer.

"Ef there is any one thing above another," sed he, "that I wish to hev understood, it is my posishen on this, the most important question before the people. I want no equivocashen, and even tho my vews shood lose me votes, I shel be ez plain and explisit ez cood be desired. On the question uv finance, I hold that the best polisy shood be adoptid, regardlis uv consekences. Ther will be a Congris electid this fall, and that Congris will pass bills and sich bearin on this question. From one stand-pint I shood say that we needed more money, and from another less. Watever may be the diffrences uv opinyun on this great question, I am thoroly convinst that the Greenbackers uv Injeany, in common with the hard money men uv Noo York, is ekally interested in a pure government, and that is wat Mr. Tilden, in common with John Kelly and myself, perpose to give our common kentry, for wich I fought and wood hev died. Gentlemen, I trust my anser to your question is satisfactory. Ef not, I refer yoo to the nashnel Dimocratic committy."

The committy retired, and a delegashun uv Greenbackers from Injeany wuz admitted. They wantid to know also.

"Gentlemen," said the great leeder, "ef I am distinguished for anything except my military skill, it is for simple directnis with my fellow citizens. I am rejoiced that I hev an opportunity uv anserin the queries wich may be put to me. In the matter uv currency, whether we need more or less, whether it shood be redeemable in gold, or not redeemable in anything, is a question on wich I need not say there are grave differences uv opinyun. Ef it is best to have fiat money, we must hev fiat money—ef, on the other hand, wat is called sound money should be held to condoose to the greatest good uv the greatest number, that is wat we want. But one thing yoo must bear in mind ez yoo go to your homes, wich is that eternel vigilance is the price uv liberty, and that the Fabian polisy uv Gen. Washinton wuz wat brot the kentry thro the revolutionary war. Uv that I am entirely certain. But for that we would be groanin under the yoke uv British despotism, and the beacon lite uv liberty wood not hev bin lit on this continent. I trust I hev ansered yoor question fairly and cleerly, and that yoo know my posishen. Ef ther is anything else yoo wood like to know, menshun it, and in the meantime, Mr. Nasby will show yoo some excellent Bourbon whisky in the adjoinin apartment."

This committy got rid uv, ther come in one from the South wantin to know his views on reconstruckshen and the status uv the Southern states; ginerally.

"Wishin to state my vews on all the questions afore the people frankly and fully, I am glad yoo are here. In regard to the Southern question, the importance uv wich I recognize, I hev to say that it hez been a rool uv my life to foller the best examples. I hev alluz held that the victory uv Lundy's Lane, a account uv wich I hev jist been reading, wuz one uv the most brilliant on record, and that the settlement uv the questions involved in that war wuz creditable to American statesmanship as the victories in the feeld wuz to Amerikin arms. I know I shel be kivered with aboose by the unscrupulous opposishen to the Dimocrisy, but I shel nevertheless anser frankly all questions propounded. I trust, gentlemen, yoo are satisfied."

This committy withdrew and another uv niggers from South Kerliny, wich wantid to git a pledge that the Dimocrisy wood pertect em in ther rites in the event uv success, entered.

The gineral reseeved em with the same urbanity that he did the others.

"The condishen uv things in the South," sed he, "is, I understand, to be deplored. That is, the condishen is to be deplored, pervidin they are, ez some accounts give em, and not to be deplored ef they are ez others state em. It is safe to say, gentlemen, that yoo will be pertected, ef the condishen uv things is such ez make perteckshun the proper thing to do. The rêel question to be considered is, are yoo in sich condishun ez to make perteckshun necessary? Is the law uv our common kentry, wich is my pride sich ez wood jestify the President uv the Yoonitid States—"

The general stopped very sudden here, for a delegashen uv South Kerliny rifle clubs, wich hed heerd the niggers wuz there, rusht past me, and wooden't take no for a anser, and got in anyhow. They insistid on the niggers gittin out, wich, ez they ain't agoin to be allowed to vote in the South, anyhow, we considered entirely safe to do. We hustled em out without ceremony, and give awjence to a delegashen uv Irish from the Sixth ward uv Noo York, wich wantid some definit pledge ez to the invashen uv Canady, in the interest uv Irish independence, and a subscripshen to the Irish Skirmishin Fund.

The General's treetment uv the Irish wuz ez masterly ez the others. He shook em corjelly by the hand, and sed that the love uv liberty wuz implantid in every Amerikin's bosom, and every Irishman's ez well, and that liberty wuz the birthrite uv every man.

"Ceptin niggers and Chinaze," interrupted a Irishman.

He accepted the amendment—exceptin niggers and Chinese, neither uv wich wuz fit to be incorporatid into the body politikle. But uv one thing ther cood be no doubt. Robert Emmet wuz the gratist man the world ever prodoost, exceptin Dan'l O'Connell, and the Irish citizens fought all the wars that this or any other kentry ever hed. He cood lay his hand onto his hart and say he loved the Irish race. He felt that he hed statid his posishen with suffishent cleernis.

Ther wuz one skip in the arrangements wich I hev alreddy rectified, wich is not gittin the different delegashens off the Island in different direckshuns. It is a great mistake to let em git a chance to talk with each other, after they leave. They compare notes and dror conclusions.

They got to talkin outside, and one Noo Yorker expressed the sentiments uv the other when he remarkt:

"Well, we've got a non-partisan candidate, anyhow. He hain't got a politik—not a d—d politik."

And another one sed that the Ginral didn't know more about governmental matters than MickLellan, and he couldn't say more nor that.

Our leeders are satisfied with him, however, and that is all they want. He agrees with every one uv em, no matter how wide apart they may be, and he hez determined to keep that way till after eleckshun, and to trust to luck ez to wich he will foller.

I thank heaven for one thing. No matter wat his views may or may not be, we are sertin uv the postoffises. Them is my pollytix just now.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Gate Keeper).

THE CORNERS BECOMES TREMENDOUSLY AGITATED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 20, 1880.

The Corners is in a blaze uv eggscitement. In the Loolsville papers wich wuz receeved here last week, there cum an account uv a Confedrit

soljer, wich, ez soon ez he heerd uv the nominashen uv Hancock, and fully bleevin in his eleckshun, immejitly filed his petishen for a penshun.

The Confedrit stated boldly in his applicashen that he hed never bin in the servis uv the Yoonitid States, but that he hed served four yeers in the Confedrit army, and bleeved that he wuz entitled to a penshun the same ez tho he hed worn the bloo instid uv the gray.

In less than a minit there wuz the wildest eggscitement the Corners hez seen sense the surrender uv Lee. The citizens gathered about Bascom's by the hundred, and there wuz but one opinyun about it.

"Ef the crooel war is reely over," sed Capt. McPelter, "and the era of good feelin is goin to be inoggerated by the eleckshun uv Hancock, why continyoo these worn-out distinkshuns? Ef we understand the posishen uv the Dimocrisy, the late onpleasantnis wuz a difference uv opinyun between the two seckshuns, wich led to armies and sich. But ez neither side wuz conkered, and ez the war meant nothin at all, all traces uv it shood be immejitly obliteratid. Ez men from the North took up arms, the country pays em penshuns. Now wat I want to know is why men from the South wich took up arms shood not be paid penshuns likewise? We both fit for our notions, and both wuz ekally meritorious. It is the dooty uv a re-united country to cement fraternel feelin, and how kin it be done ez well ez by payin both sides penshuns?"

The speech wuz reseeved with more applause than any speech I hev heerd for yeers, and immejitly it wuz resolved that every man in the Corners wich hed served in the Confedrit armies shood to wunst file his clame so ez to git in early.

There wuz a rush like that uv a circus-wagon. Every citizen uv the Corners hed, immejitly, a strong recolleckshun uv hevin bin in the Confedrit servis, incloodin suthin like fifty wich hed sekoored pensions alreddy for servisses in the Fedrel army.

Deekin Pogram filed a petishun settin forth that while he wuz never reglerly enlisted in the Confedrit servis, he hed contractid a severe roomatism bush-whackin Fedrel pikkits, doorin Garfield's invashen uv the sacred soil, and wuz entitled to a penshun on that skore.

Issaker Gavitt set forth that while he hed not sholdered his muskit in the feeld, he spent six months in Injeany assistin the Knights uv the Golden Cirkle in resistin drafts and sich, and in votin the Dimocratik tikkit, wich wuz uv more servis to the Confederacy than ez tho he hed reglerly enlisted.

I put in my clame for three months' service with the Looisianer Pelikins, wich indulged in more foot-races than any regiment in the Confederacy, and also for organizin draft riots in Ohio.

Bascom claimed a penshun on the score uv keepin his bar open late at nite for the refreshment uv Deekin Pogram and others on their return from bush-whackin.

Mahlon Pettus hed actilly served with Forrest, and partissipated in the massacre at Fort Piller. To prove it, he hed the thigh-bone uv a nigger soljer, wich his sister (wich is a artist) hed carved with appropriate inscripshuns.

All the citizens uv the Corners, with the eggscepshun uv Pollock and Joe Bigler, rushed in, and they come so fast that it was impossible to take their names.

To simplify the matter, Bascom sejested that a committee be appinted

to file the claims, and that this committy shood copy the tax list, and forrerd all the names onto it, ez entitled to penshuns.

There wuz a immejit dissent from this, for ther wuz only ten or a dozen names on the tax-list, and they wuz mostly radikels.

Here my genius shone out.

"We will not yoose the tax-list," sed I, "but rather the poll-sheet uv the last eleckshun. All that we permitted to vote in this precinct may justly clame to be Confedrits, and we shel git all wich is really entitled to considerashun."

This sejestion wuz adoptid, and I am bizzy at work makin out their applicashens.

Two onpleasantnisis okkurred. Sam Pettibone cum up to be enrolled for his penshun, and showed that he hed served in the 10th Alabama. I wuz a puttin him down, when Issaker Gavitt interrupted.

"Sam, yoo can't play that onto me," sed Issaker. "Yoo did enlist in the 10th Alabama, but yoo desertid. Ez much ez I want to bring capitle to the Corners, the Yoonitid States ain't agoin to pay penshuns to a man wich desertid the Confedracy in her hour uv need."

Sam's name wuz immejitly stricken off the role. There is a great deel uv Spartan virchoo in the Corners.

Another trouble okkurred with Smith Peyton. He come and claimed to be put down ez bein entitled to a penshun.

"But yoo served in the Fedrel army," objectid Issaker.

"Troo," sed Smith, "but I desertid, and hev votid the Dimekratik tikket without a scratch ever sence."

His case wuz taken into considerashun, and it wuz finally decided that his name shood be entered. With these triflin excepshuns, everything wuz harmonious.

I find that every citizen uv the Corners, exceptin Pollock and Bigler, wuz in the Confedrit servis, either ez a actooal soljer, or in sum way engaged in promotin its interests. We shel insist, to put us on a complete ekality with the Fedrels, that these penshuns shel date back to the beginnin uv the war, and intrest shel be compounded from that date to this. Also each one shel hev the same land grants, and all the addishnel pay that the Fedrels hev receeved. Likewise, inasmuch ez the Confedrit money wuzn't good for nothin, that each Confedrit soljer shel receeve pay for the entire time he wuz in the Confedrit servis, the same ez Fedrel soljers, with an addishnel allowance to make up for the insuffishent rashens he receeved while in the feeld.

The effeck upon the Corners is miraculous. Bascom is so certin uv the eleckshun uv Hancock and the payment uv these claims that he hez opend a system uv credit, and the Corners is gittin now all the likker it wants.

Will the Dimocrisy uv the North disappint us? Is this golden era to be made a reality or will they permit the eleckshun uv Garfield and set us back where we wuz? I cannot bleeve it. Kentucky will do its hull dooty for Hancock. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Jubilant).

THE CROSS ROADS RATIFY THE NOMINATIONS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 30, 1880.

We put off the ratificashen uv the Dimocratic nominees till this late day, for two reasons., viz—we wantid to wait till somebody had tapped

his barl so that the ratificashen cood go off with some eclaw, and, second, we hed to wait till Bascom got a fresh barl uv likker from Looisville. Yoo can't ratify a Dimocratic nominashen here on a half barl, and hev eny enthooslasm manifested. It ain't our style.

We held the ratificashen last nite. The meetin-house hed bin dekoratid by the patriotic wimmin uv the Corners in the most gorgeous stile. The two candlesticks on the pulpit wuz furnished by Miss Melindy Pogram, bein made from the thigh-bones uv Fedrel hirelins wich perished, justly, at Andersonville; the hammer yoosed by the cheerman wuz the shin bone uv a nigger wich went up at Fort Piller, and the Confedrit flag wuz tastefully draped over portrates uv Ginral Lee, Jefferson Davis and other heroes, who gave theirselves to the coz uv the sunny (now solid) South.

I commenst proceedins by remindin the awjence that this wuz a sollum occashun. For the fust time for many yeers the Dimocrisy uv the country hed a chance uv succeedin in their effort to do jestis to the suffrin South, or ruther the suffrin South hed a opportoonity uv doin jestis to theirselves. We hev every earthly chance to succeed, and ef we don't it is our fault. There is no more disfranchisement—no matter how long a patriot servd in the Confedrit army, he kin vote jest the same a tho he hed servd in the Fedrel army. It is troo we hev bin obleeged to nominate a Fedrel soljer, but that shood be no objeckshun. Ef he fit on one side he hez votid on the other with commendable regularity, and it is time that the South berried sich ishoos. For one, I hed forgiven Gen. Hancock for drorin his sword on the wrong side. I forgive him, and shel vote for him, even if he wuz agin us. I earnestly hoped that his bein a Fedrel soljer wood not be held agin him, but that the solid South would show its generosity by a broad and comprehensive forgivnis.

Deekin Pogram said that it wuz a bitter pill for one wich hed lost his niggers, and whose fences and pertaters hed bin taken by Ginral Morgan, and wich the Fedrel government hed refoosed to pay for, to vote for a Fedrel ginral. It ruther riled him to vote for any man wich hed ever wore the bloo. But ef it wuz nessary to do so in order to ketch enuff Northern votes, he s'posed he shood hev to submit. He did submit, and wood publicly say that he forgave Ginral Hancock for bein in the Fedrel army. It wuz the dooty uv the South to forgive, because we want jestis done us. We want our brave soljers penshund, we want the losses inflicted onto us by a crooel and unjustifiable war paid, and while it will do the present generashun some good, we want Seceshun Crik slack-watered. If to do all this requires the eleckshun uv a Northern soljer, so be it. With the understandin that Hancock repents his vandalism, the Deekin exprest hisself ez willin to vote for Hancock. English hez nothin to repent uv.

Issaker Gavitt sed he took a broader vew uv the nominashen. He hed assendid a higher plane, and knowd no South, no North, no East, no West. He wuz for the hull kentry. The North wuz rich, the South wuz poor. The North loved to accoomulate property, and the South to spend it. The North paid taxes, the South didn't. He wood proudly appeal to any one present to-nite ef he ever paid any taxes 'ceptin, incidentally, the accursed tax on likker, and that wuz mostly evadid by gittin our supplize uv the moonshiners. Wat folly then for the Corners, wich wants a custom house, a ship canal, and improvement uv Seceshn Crik, and a dozen other things which will take from the North a million uv dollars, and distribbit it down here, to stop to inquire what color the nominee uv the

Dimekratic party wore doorin the late unholy war. When he thot uv them appropriashens he wuz reddy to consider the crooel war over. Wher he considered that the South wuz the Dimekratic party, and that who ever took a nominashen at its hands gave a mortgage on hisself in fa vor uv the South, he shood hate hisself ef he hedn't the sense to give hin his support. He wantid pay for the property wich the Confedrits tool when they wuz ragin thro Kentucky, and he wantid appropriashens Consekently he took a broad, statesman-like vew uv the matter, anc shood vote for Hancock jist the same ez tho he hed bin ez good a Confed rit ez Lee hisself. He forgave him from the bottom uv his heart. Gin ral Hancock coodent help it.

Kernel McPelter remarkt that in vew uv the necessity uv hevir Suthern soljers penshund and Suthern losses made good, likewise uv hev in some sort uv controle uv the labor uv the slaves wich the infamus Lin kin unconstitooshenelly freed, he wuz willin to forgive the nominee uv the Dimocratic party for barin arms agin the South. But he felt tha suthin wuz doo the South, suthin uv a soothin nacher. The South wu proud, and to constantly remind her uv her humiliashen wuzn't jist th thing. He wood sejest to Hancock that, inezmuch ez the South forgive him, that he drop the title uv ginral, and be spoken uv hereafter ez sim ply Mr. Hancock. Shoorly no man wich wood take a nominashen at th hands uv the Dimocrisy wood want to retain a title won by fightin agi that party. He hed no doubt that our nominee wood see the propriety u this act uv jestis the minit it wuz sejestid to him.

The meetin then endorsed the nominees, tho hintin that the soone Mr. English opened his barl the sooner the Corners wood feel like bein en thoosiastic. Another resolooshen recitid that while ther wuz no questio that Samuel J. Tilden wuz defraudid out the Presiden cy, yet this persistent refoosle to send money t Kentucky to aid in a Dimekratic tri mph mitigated our greef, and woo finelly eradikate it. It wuz hard yellin fraud dry-lipped. The paper con tainin the platform hed bin lost, and we didn't know wat it wuz. I made no difference, however, for Issaker Gavitt moved that it be hartil endorsed, and that the Corners acceptid it ez the soundest kind of soun Dimocrisy. And then we adjourned to Bascom's, the likker bein charge up to the Dimekratic central committy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(with pr spex uv agin signin hisself P. M.)

P. S.—We are gittin on delitefully with the work uv filin claims fo penshuns for servis to the Confedracy. We hev claims in for every livi citizen uv the Corners, and now are bizzy fixin up papers for the fam ilies uv sich ez hev died doorin the last fourteen years. Mirandy Pograr hez jist filed her claim for the time spent in carvin the thigh bones uv th Fedrel soljers into candlesticks. I shel send it on with the rest.

P. S. No. 2.—The Corners hez jist receeved a staggerin blow. I he jist receeved a letter from Louisville statin that no money will be ser to the Corners, ez it is considered shoor for Hancock anyhow. Bascom tc wunst closed down on our likker, and the utmost consternashen pervale The prinsipple citizens hev determined to go to-wunst to Injeany, insti uv puttin it off to the middle uv August, ez wuz designed. We hev gc to go there to vote, anyhow, and we may ez well commence makin e keep us now ez to put it off. They hev got to hev us, and ther is no sens in grazin on barren pasters when ther is a Injeany flowin with milk an

honey jist across the river. I hev packed my other shirt—I borrered it from a line last nite—and shell start to-morrer. Ez about thirty will go, Bascom drops a sigh uv releef. He won't get rid uv so much likker, but he will save a great deal uv time in bookkeepin. He is furious, tho, at the committy for not makin the Corners a battle-field. P. V. N.

THE TROUBLE AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Governor's Island.
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Aug. 6, 1880.

The noosepapers are full uv an akkount uv General Hancock's faintin in the presence uv two delegashuns wich called on him.

The troo histry uv the case is this:

We hev a electric arrangement from the ante-room where I stand, to the General's rooms. There are 60 keys marked with the states and the shades uv opinyun wich make up the Dimekratic party. Thus one is marked "Noo York—hard money," another "Loozeaner—secesh," and so on.

My dooty is to admit only one party at a time to see the General, and to notify him in advance wat principles the visitin party perfesses, that our candidate may make no mistakes.

For instance, ther comes a man from Pennsylvany. It is my dooty to find wat his noshens are on the tariff. I ask him, to begin with, how trade is. He ansers "Bully." Then I say, "How does the present tariff work for you?" He sez "Bully" wunst more, and then I know all about it. He is interestid in manufacters, and is a high tariff man.

Then the matter looks comparatively simple. I tetch a key wich is marked, "Pennsylvany—tariff," and send him into the presence, and Gineral Hancock knows eggsackly wat to say to him, and he sez it, and sends him away happy.

Ef the visitor is from Illinoy, and happens to be a free trader, a key is tetched so labeled, and the Gineral also knows wat to say to him.

The same rool applies to all visitors. We hev ez many keys ez there are shades uv opinyun in the party. It rekires a gigantic intellect to keep the run uv em, and that is why I okkepy that responsible posishun.

Uv course I make mistakes occasionally, for no man kin keep the track uv sich diversity uv prinsiple. I did tech the key marked "War Dimekrat," for a secesh major from Looseaner, and he come out in a towerin rage, at bein informed by the Gineral that he shood never be satisfied till every man wich bore arms in the Confedracy hed passed away, that we mite hev peace, and it wuz a mistake when I teched the key markt "Confederacy," and sent in a Wisconsin farmer which hed hed two sons killed at Antietam. The old man didn't like to be told that Confedrit soljers shood hev the same penshuns ez the Northern hirelins, wich invaded the South so brootally.

But the trouble referred to okkurred yesterday. There came a delegashen uv wide-hatted men from Maine and Injeany, wich wantid to consult the Gineral ez to his vews on the grate question uv onlimited greenbax, and jist at the same minit ther come a delegashen from the city uv Noo York wich wuz a goin to demanda expreshn ez to honist money.

I insistid that but one delegashun shood go in at a time, and ez the Injeany men wuz neerest the door, I tetched the soft money key, and asked em in. The hard money men hustled em aside, and thinkin they

wood push in first, I tetched the hard money key. This demoralized the General, and to add to the horror uv the accident they both pushed past me, and rushed in all together.

Then a scene ensood wich baffies descripshen.

"Wat we want to know," sed the spokesman uv the Injeany and Maine delegashen, "is, in the event uv yoor eleckshun, is the kentry to hev onlimitid money and consekent prosperity?"

The general turned pale and looked at me implorinly. He wuz not ekal to the emergency, but I wuz. I whispered in his ear, "faint," and seezed him in my arms. Takin the hint, he drawd a long sigh, and fell out uv his cheer, senselis, to all appearances.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "our noble candidate hez bin overworked and nacher aserts herself. Will yoo please retire while I bring him to?"

They went out, and the gineral got up. "Are they all gone?" he asked.

"They are all gone," sed I.

"Ther must be a new plan fixed," sed he. I can't keep on faintin in this way till the first uv November. The next time this happens I shel faint in ded ernest, and it will be no sham."

Wat we shel do I don't know. It wuz sejestid that our candidate take an extendid European trip, but ef he does that we lose the effeck uv his superb face and figger, wich is wat we nominatid him for. Ef we keep him here and yootilize that, we run the risk uv havin him talked to, wich is fatle.

We hev the matter under consultashen now, but hev not bin able to come to any conclooshen.

I wish to Heaven I cood be a keeper for Garfield. His man hez a soft thing uv it. The cussid Republikins hevn't but one set uv opinyuns, and ther ain't no trouble about that. Garfeeld's doorkeeper he sets and admits everybody, without askin no questions, and hez nothin watever to do ceptin to say, "Walk in, gentlemen." And they go in and Garfeeld talks to all uv em, and ther ain't no rows, and no financeerin, nor no nothin.

It requires more engineerin to be a Dimekrat. We hev too extensive a set uv prinsiples, and they require to grate a straddle to kiver em all. I wish to heaven the first uv November wuz here. This kind uv a thing is altogether too wearin on a not overstrong constitooshen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggshaustid).

THE SOUTH'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
August 14, 1880.

The Corners hev bin consultin. Not doin any plantin or hoein, and consekently not bein bothered with any reapin, we hev plenty uv time to run the guvernment. That wuz wat give the South its pre-eminence in the old times. Hevin niggers to do all the work, we cood give our hul minds to poker, hoss-racin and government, while the scrimpin North wuz botherin itself with bildin ralerodes and factries and sich other be littlin pursoots. Them wuz halcyon days and we perpose, the Lord bein willin, to hev em back agin.

The result uv our consultashen may be briefly statid. Wat we wan is to wipe out all the remainin signs uv the late onpleasantnis, and gi back to the old harmony and accord uv the yeers afore 1860. We want t

plow up the battle feelds, to develop the good old brotherly feelin, and claspin our hands across the differences wich onfortoonitly divided us, be wunst more wun in sentiment, wun in feelin, wun in interests, all under one flag.

To do this, uv course everything must be sot back eggsackly where it wuz. So long ez any vestiges uv the results uv the war are visible, uv course we shel be reminded that there wuz a war, and then our harts will be fired, and the ugly feelin will come up.

This is about the terms the Corners will be compelled to demand.

1. That ther may be no onpleasant remembrances of the great struggle left, Afrikin slavery shel be re-established, with the chance given the South uv extendin the institooshen to the Chinese and poor whites, wich wuz wat we intendid afore the war.

2. To placate the South, wich hez hed its feelins hurt, the gineral government shel pay for all the niggers liberated wich can't be found, with a sootable compensashun for the time uv those emancipatid by the feend Linkin.

3. Ez a proper thing to attach the South to the Yoonyun, and restore proper feelin, the gineral government shood to-wunst pay all losses sustained by the South doorin the war, no matter by which side inflictid, and not lookin too thunderin close into the claims wich may be presentid.

4. That no vestige uv bitternis may remane—that the last root may be dug out—penshuns shood be paid by the gineral government to Southern soljers in the servis uv the Confedracy, datin em back to the close uv the war, the same ez Fedrel soljers.

5. That the South may feel a proper interest in the guvernment, ther shood be inoggeratid a very expensive system uv internal improvements in the South. To make it perfeckly shoor this system must inclood the slack-watrin uv Seceshn crik, the bildin uv a gorgeous custom-house and postoffis at the Cross Rodes, with sich other improvements ez from time to time we may decide we want.

6. To clinch the continyood allegiance uv the South, all these payments shood be made in government bonds bearin interest at the rate uv eight per cent, to be known as the "Consiliashen Series," wich makes it shoor that the South will never secede till they hev spent ther bonds anyhow. It wood prevent both seceshn ez well ez repoodiashen, and wood go a great ways toward holdin the South to the old flag. No Southerner wood think uv secedin with a government bond in his pokkit.

These are the main pints. Uv course it wood be naterally understood that the Dimocrisy shood hev a cleen majority in both House uv Congris, and that the President, ef he is a Northern man, shel be in sympathy with the opprest South, and shel agree to sign without question any bill wich the Congris shel pass.

We shel not insist that the name uv the government shel be changed to that uv the "Confedrit States," for we don't want to offend our brethren uv the North wich will be payin intrest on our bonds.

The Corners make no appeal to the good feelin uv the North, but only to their selfishnis. Ef the North wants to consiliate us, now is the chance. Ef the North wants peece and harmony it hez now a golden opportoonity. We admit we wuz beet in war, and hev been beet in votin, but if we git back all that we lost by the war, with enuff added to make up for our feelins bein hurt, we forgive em. We are a forgivin race, and magnanimus ez well. Wat we want is peece, and the meens uv livin in peece.

Will the North embrace this opportunity, by electin Hancock, or will it perpetooate the old feelin by makin Garfeeld President?

That is the question wich every Northern man must anser for hisself.

We uv the South shel deposit our votes for Hancock and Peece, and shel shoot thro the kidneys every man in the Southern states wich is not in akkord with us. We must hev peece.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Peece Maker).

MR. NASBY SETTLES TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Aug. 23, 1880.

Yisterday wuz the most eggscitin time we hev hed on the Island. I hev bin in many a tite place in my life, but never in so tite a one ez this. It wuz a close time when I desertid from the Loosianer Pelikins, and wuz bein shot at by the Pelikins from behind, and the Fedrels from the front, wich is the normal condition uv a Northern Dimekrat, and I wuz in some trouble when I wuz president uv the Onlimitid Trust and Confidence company, and wuz pursood by a infoorı.ted mob, but them escapes pale into insignificance compared with wat I undergoed yisterday.

It wuz the day we set apart, Hancock and me, to receive delegashuns, wich we do wunst a week. This is alluz our tryin day, and I hev to be in Ginral Hancock's room to assist him. He is very much in need uv a statesman, and I serve him in that capassity.

The delegashuns come all to-wunst, and ther wuz a purty mix. The fust that got awjence wuz from Injeany.

The chairman remarkt that his devoshun to Dimocrisy and his admirashun uv Genral Hancock, our standard-bearer, wuz sublime. He pledged Injeany to the nominee, by a very large majority, onless our frends in Kentucky disappoint us, wich they wood not. But he come to lay before the President that is to be, the vews of the Dimocrisy uv Injeany, showin wat Dimocrisy is in that state. Wat the Dimocrisy uv Injeany wantid wuz a totle destruckshen uv the Nashnel banks, and an onlimited ishoo uv greenbax by the general government. The Dimocrisy uv Injeany, ez one man, demandid fiat money, and they all wantid uv it.

The gineral remarkt that he hedn't hed time to give much attenshun to the question uv finance, but he hed no doubt that the Injeany polisy wuz the correct thing. He pledged hisself, ef elected, to devote some spare afternoon to the study uv finance, and hed no doubt uv his doin the right thing.

The Noo York delegashun remarkt that they hed a word to say ez to wat Dimocrisy wuz. Dimocrisy in Noo York meant a gold basis, and the contiyooance uv the nashnel banks, and no fiat money. Fiat money meant repoodiashen, rooin—

The Injeany man remarkt that he'd be dam ef any bloatid bondholder wich hed got rich off the labor uv the boundin West shood dictate to him. Ef the Dimocrisy wanted Injeany they must come to Injeany's ijee.

The Noo Yorker retortid that no Injeany repoodiashunist shood dictate to the Dimocrisy uv Noo York.

Ginral Hancock remarkt that ez he hed sed afore, he hedn't given the subject that keerful attenshun wich its importance demands, but—

The Pennsylvania delegashun broke in. Wat the Dimocrisy us Penn-

sylvany wantid and must hev wuz a high pertective tariff, and without it—

Ginral Hancock remarkt that he hed never given the tariff question any attention, but ez soon ez he got thro with nashnel bankin and finance, after the eleckshun, he wood study it. He hed alreddy procured all the nessary books on the subjick.

The Illinoy delegashun swore that they wood hev no tariffs. Dimocrisy meant free trade, and no graspin monopolists shood come here in the name uv Dimocrisy, and—

Teers wuz fillin the ginral's eyes, when I interfered. It wuz high time, for ther wuz six more delegashuns to speak, all from different parts uv the kentry, and I foresaw wat a terrible season ther wood be ef oil wuzn't poured onto the troubled waters.

"Gentlemen," said I, "a word ef you please in season. You are all, doubtliss, good Dimekrats, but yoo ain't none uv yoo got the proper noshun uv wat Dimocrisy reely does mean. Dimocrisy is a comprehensive word, and kivers a great deal uv ground. Our Injeany friend wants onlimited money—he may cherish his noshun and still be a good Dimekrat. Our Noo York frend wants hard money—he shel cherish his beleef. The Ginral and me hev no dejeckshuns. Likewise ez to the tariff and free trade. There is room for all, and plenty to spare for all other beleefs.

"But the primary, central controllin ijee uv Dimocrisy is postoffis. That is the central sun—the great inspirin ijee, wich swallers up and drowns out all the rest. For twenty long yeers we hev bin fastin, with the government granary in full vew, and it is a time to put an end to it. Wat is a tariff compared to our holdin the puss strings uv the nashen? Wat is the tariff question ez compared with the custom houses and the furrin mishuns? Ginral Hancock may not be learned on these questions, but he knows enuff to sign his name to commishns, and that is the fust rekisit uv a Dimekratic President.

"We are perfeckly willin that yoo shel hev yoor diffrences, but in the intrest uv postoffis we wood sejest that yoo defer any menshun uv em till after eleckshun. Then the Ginral and me are perfeckly willin that yoo shel fite over em yoo choose. It will then be a matter uv perfeck indiffrence to us wat Dimocrisy meens. Possibly, when each uv yoo goes home with his commishn in his pockit, you will be able to see things diffrent, and these questions won't look so important to yoo, ez they do now.

"Wat Dimocrisy wants is success. We want the postoffises, and the other places. Prinsipple is a mighty good thing to talk about, but postoffis is the end we are aiming at.

"Gentlemen, go home. Advokate in yoor respective localities watever polisy will git the most votes, and when we hev cast anker in the harber uv success, and we hev the froots uv victry safely hived, there will be time enuff to discuss these trifiin matters. Let our watchword be everywhere, "Hancock and a postoffis!"

The little speech hed the desired effeck, for every man uv em realized the fact that he cood never git a smell uv a place under anybody but Hancock, and every one uv em pocketed his platform, and all agreed that I hed presented the matter in a statesmanlike way. Likewise every man uv em coincided with Ginral Hancock's views on the leadin ishoos that hed bin menshund, and pledged him their harty support.

It's a great thing to be a statesman.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Pacificator).

MR. NASBY MAKES A SPEECH WHICH CAUSES TROUBLE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
August 27, 1880.

I sigh ez did the late Henry A. Wise, uv Virginny, for a kentry in wich ther aint no noosepapers. Noosepapers hev bin the cuss uv Dimocrisy, and the one thing that stands in our way. Noosepapers and free skools are wat kills the Dimekratic party. They can't git along together nohow. Wat the Dimocrisy wants is a seckshun in wich ther aint no noosepapers, ceptin them wich is published by authority, and whose contense are soopervised by a cominitty before publicashen.

Two weeks ago we hed a meetin at the Cross Roads, to reconsile a difference that had onfortoonitly sprung up in the ranks uv the Dimocrisy. The trouble wuz this:

The Corners hed ishood its bonds to bild a court house and a markit house and other improvements, wich Bascom hed took, he bein the principle capitalist. He bot em up at about 10 cents on the dollar, and holds to em to-day.

Now comes the trouble. The citizens uv the Corners don't want to pay the bonds at all. They hold that they hev the bildins, but that there is some legal flaw in the contrack, wich don't compel em to pay, and they perpose to take advantige uv it.

Immejitly there wuz a split among the citizens. Them wich holds the bonds insists that suthin shood be paid onto em, and them wich don't hold em, but wich hev to pay taxes, insists that they shan't pay anything.

The question hez gone into pollitix and the result is two tikkits liable to be nominatid and the Dimekratik party dividid.

It wuz my dooty to prevent this, and I called the Corners together and made a speech to em. I hed the meetin-house dekorated the same ez I alluz do on important occashuns. I hed on the pulpit the skulls uv the Fedrel soljers from Bull Run, the thigh bone uv the Fedrel soljer starved at Andersonville, and the skeleton uv the nigger killed at Fort Piller.

"Friends," sed I, "in the presence uv these reliks I implore yoo to pause. Wat is bonds, wat is taxes, compared to a Dimekratic triumf? You are quarrelin over purely lokle ishoos. Before yoo divide and endanger a Dimekratic triumf, consider wat Lee wood hev done, wat Jackson wood hev done hed they bin in yoor places. Remember that the principles we are fitin fur to-day are the principles they fit for, that the idees underlying in the Confedracy did not die with the surrender uv Lee, but that they are in eggsistence now, and that this eleckshun decides whether the South or the North triumfs."

I went on in this way an hour, and finally got the people satisfied to settle the matter without any trouble, and went home feelin good.

Now wat happened? There happened to be present that nite a cousin uv a farmer in the neighborhood, who is the edetor uv a Radikel paper in Injeany. That feend took down in short-hand my entire speech, and he sent it to his paper in Injeany, and published it in full, with illustrations uv the bones uv the Fedrel soljers, and everything connectid with the meetin. And the Republikin press uv the North is usin it to show that the old rebel sperit ain't ded yit.

This is what bothers me. What rite hez that man to send a speech North that wuz intendid solely for the South?

I didn't want that speech publisht in Injeany. It wuz intendid for Southern consumpshun only. It wuz made for the Corners, and for the Corners only. It is a trubble with Dimocrisy that yoo hev to hev speeches for every different lokality. Ef I make a speech at the Corners I don't want it sent up into Injeany or Ohio, and red there, for Dimocrisy at the Corners and Dimocrisy in the North is two distink things.

I don't know ez it will do me eny good to deny it, ez Wade Hampton does, for the cussid speech wuz reported in full and is kerrect. But it is raisin blazes with us. It is bein yoosed to show that we uv the South hev not lost eny uv our old ijees, and the worry uv it is that it does show that very thing.

Hereafter when I make a speech I shell be shoor that ther ain't any reporters or noosepaper men present, ceptin such ez are in our interest. Hereafter I shel hev the report uv my speeches revised by myself afore they are printed, and I shel know wher they are goin.

Then things will be safe. This trouble hez worried me more than anything doorin the campane.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (in trouble).

MR. NASBY ON RECONCILIATION AND GOOD FEELING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 4, 1880.

The South hez, probably, the most forgivinest and placable people on the face uv the known earth.

While the South is feerfully high strung and sensitive, its people are the most reasonable in the world, and the easiest tetched by a sense uv wat is jestis. Jestis is the Southern man's best holt.

If ther's any diffrences uv opinyun betwixt the North and the South, it is entirely the fault uv the North. The North is made up uv a stubborn, onreasonable people, and its course toward the South hez bin marked by a brootality that is past beleef.

All the trouble that hez ensood, from the beginnin, hez bin commenst by the North, continyood by the North, and, ef it is eternal, the North hez it to anser for.

When the South wantid to extend slavery over the territories, the trouble begun. To hev stopped it then wood hev bin an easy thing. All the North hed to do wuz to withdraw its opposishen, and let the South alone.

When the North nominatid the feend Linkin the South pertestid. Ef the North hed heedid that pertest, and let Breckenridge hev gone in, all trouble wood hev bin avoidid.

When the South pertestid agin the rane uv Linkin and fired upon Fort Sumter, the North cood hev avoidid enragin the South by lettin uv em alone. But ez ef bent upon trouble, it raised armies and opposed the South.

Doorin the bloody and fratricidle struggle the South wuz willin at any time to end it, but the North wuz in the way. It refoosed to lay down its arms, and finally the hoomiliatid South hed to submit.

Even at this late date the South is still willin to forgive, even if it can't forget.

The way is simple. All the North hez got to do is to repair the damages done by its hard-heartidness and stiff-neckednis. Let Garfeeld be

withdrawn from the feeld to-wunst, and let Hancock hev a walk-over. Let the South control the government ez it yoost to.

There can't be no troo Yoonyun so long ez there are seckshunal lines. Let seckshunal lines be obliterated by mergin the North into the South, by wipin out the North entirely. Ef there ain't no North, there kin be nothin to fite about.

With the entire North in yoonity with the entire South, there wood be sich a harmony ez wood make angels weep.

We shood hev no more dispoots, and the South wood administer the government to its own satisfaction, and hev nuthin watever to complane uv.

We want yoonity and wat I hev indicated is the certin road to it.

Let the North make a immejit commensement. Let it abandon Garfeeld and turn all its forces to Hancock.

Give us back our niggers, and give us sich appropriashens ez we need. For the further sekoority uv the South establish the doctrine uv States' Rites, and giv the South the full swing it yoosed to hev.

We are tired uv this everlastin ill-feelin, this unbrotherly bad blood that hez eggisted so long.

Do away with it. I pledge my life and my sacred honor that the South will bury the hatchet, and never resurrect it, ef all that she wants now, and sich things ez she may deside she wants hereafter, is given to her.

Ef ther is any more bad blood the North is cleerly responsible for it.

Ez a proper starter for a complete reconsiliashen I wood perpose a reunion uv the soljers uv the North and South, to be held on the feeld uv the first Bull Run. The reunion shood be presided over by Jefferson Davis, and the committees shood be made up uv the survivin ginerals uv the Confedrit army. The grounds shood be decoratid with the flags uv the Confedrit regiments wich made the most honorable record, and Wade Hampton shood be the prinsiple orator. This wood be a glorious opportoonity for the South to show its forgivenis, and the North to show its repentance.

Wat I want is a heelin uv the old sores, and a wipin out uv the old bitternisses, and I knw uv nothin that wood so soothe the Southern sole, and do so much toward quenchin the smolderin fires wich Northern arrogance hev kept alive at the South.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Pacificator).

P. S.—I wish Hancock wuz a trifle more uv a man than he is. He's got opinyuns enuff, but he's got more opinyuns than he hez nollege. He ain't heavy in proporshen to the part wich nominated him. I find it thunderin hard work to sing a long-metre hymn to a short-metre toon. But I suppose ef he is electid he will learn suthin about governmental matters. Anyhow the kentry may depend upon it that he will alluz hev me to lean onto.

P. V. N.

THE NEWS FROM MAINE ARRIVES.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Sept. 15, 1880.

Ginral Hancock and me heard uv Maine this mornin. We rejoiced.

Ginral Stinger, uv Mississippi, who served under Lee from the time that grate man took command uv the Confedrit forces to the final surrender at Appomattox, wuz affected to teers.

"Thank God," sed he, "for Maine. The country is safe. Maine stands up for the Yoonyun."

And he and Gineral Hancock shook hands sollumly, and retired to the next room, wich they emerged from wipin ther lips.

Patsey O'Shaughnessy, with his voice tremblin with emoshun, remarkt that Maine hed spoken. He wuz so joyous over this triumf uv purity that he shood throw his bar open to-night, and drinks wood be free to all troo Dimekrats in his ward. It wuz too glorious.

I telegraft the glorious nooze to Deekin Pogram at the Corners, and his anser cum back quick.

"It is too much. Bascom is illuminatid, and we hev cleened out every nigger for five miles. The boys are still at it."

Gineral Hancock took it with the cam impassivenis uv the soljer. "The nooze is glorious," sed he, "we hev won the first skirmish, but not the final battle. It is time for decisive ackshen, for the reel struggle comes off in November. Now is our time. Nasby, git them Greenback documents together, and shove 'em thro Maine. Hev me announst—in Maine—ez in favor uv onlimited greenbacks."

Whoso bleeves Hancock isn't a statesman don't know very much.

He immejitly sent a letter to Noo Jersey, inistin on high protective tariff, and another to Injeany holdin that the prosperity uv the kentry demands free trade.

Sence the Maine eleckshun Hancock hez woke up, and is displayin remarkable capacity. I now hev faith in him.

Money is comin in good. We hev $200,000 to yoose in sendin Kentuckians to Injeany to vote in October, to make shoor uv carryin that state. Uv course ef we carry Injeany, that settles it.

The skies is brite. I shel once more hev the postoffis at the Corners.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Jubilant).

A PROCLAMATION TO THE DEMOCRACY.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Sept. 20, 1880.

To the Dimocrisy of the Yoonited States:

We hev lost Maine Our dispatch congratulatin yoo on carryin the Pine Tree state for Plaisted wuz a trifle prematoor. We hev lost it. Me and Gineral Hancock do not underrate the loss, or underestimate the gravity uv the sitooashen. Hence this proclamation.

We wuz enetitled to Maine by every considerashen uv commershel integrity, and only lost it by a series uv the most unblushin frauds that that deemon, Blane, ever perpetratid.

We bought the state fairly and paid for it in good, honist money. Our chareman, Mr. Barnum, did not ask the Greenbackers uv Maine to take ther own money, mere promises to pay, but we bought the votes with good, legal money uv the Yoonitid States.

We paid ez high ez $25 for a single vote, and ther wuz but few uv the incorruptible voters uv the state wich we approached wich didn't git $5. After this, to hev Blane count us out, is a piece uv dishonor equalled seldom in the history uv pollytix.

The loss is the more serious for the money we yoosed in Maine we hevn't got to yoose in Injeany, wich is a still more expensive state than Mane. Owin to the Mane likker law, we coodent do bar-room treetin, but

furnisht em likker by the barl, wich we got at wholesale prices—in Injeany we are compelled to pay ten cents a drink, wich largely increases our expenses. To buy a state and then not get it is hart-rendin. We hev wastid our capitle, we hev a defeet to start off with, instid uv a victry, and our calkelashuns is upset entirely.

Stil there is no cause for despondency. We shel yit elect Hancock, for we hev enuff strength in reserve.

Let every Dimekrat remember that we hev the solid South, beyond any question, and we don't hev to yoose any money down there. The local committy furnish the powder and shot f or their active electioneerers, and every Dimocrat in the South hez his own shot gun. Ef we cood electioneer in the North ez we do in the South, it wood be much cheeper, but we hev to take things ez they are, not ez we wood like to hev em.

We hev the city uv Noo York ez solidly ez we ever did. The fact that many uv our best workers are in the penitentiaries uv the state, and that a tiranikle Republikin governor won't pardon em out in time to take part in the fall campane is suthin agin us, but we hev enuff left. The lower wards uv the city are ez enthoosiastic ez ever, and ther never wuz a more harty yoonyun uv the groseries in our strongholds than now.

In Maine the soft-money Dimekrats are workin harder than ever, determined to carry the state in November. In Injeany and Ohio the soft-money repoodiators are alive, and in the East the hard-money Dimocrats are at work with a zeel that promises success. Our high tariff frends in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, our free-trade brethren in Illinoy all send words uv good cheer, and the anti-furrin element uv Californy, and the Irish uv Noo York are workin in yoonison.

We shel hev Injeany, shoor. We hev enuff Kentuckians in readiness to put into the Suthern part uv the state to wipe out any majority the Northern secshun kin give Garfeeld. They are all ready and eager to git away. Over forty go from the Corners alone, wich is a great releef to Bascom, ez he won't hev to trust em for likker doorin their absence, and they are eager to go, for they will hev free rashens in Injeany till after the election.

With our trained squads uv repeeters in Noo York city, and with our skill in countin there, and with our emegrashen from Kentucky into Injeany, and with wat we kin spare from Noo York to Connecticut and Noo Jersey, we shel carry all them states, and them, with the South solid, settles it.

Ginral Hancock, the superb soljer, and the ardent reformer, is shoor to be the next President.

Dimekrats uv the Yoonitid States, to yoor tents! or rather to your groseries! There is no cause for despondency. We hev bin beeten on the skirmish line, but we hev only commenst the fite. All there is uv the Mane trouble, we are short jist a hundred thousand dollars, and we hev to go down in our pockets for jist that much more.

We implore yoo, in the interest uv reform, uv purity, uv law and order, for the sake uv yoonion and the constitooshen, for the great prinsiple uv free trade, uv a high protective tariff, uv fiat money and uv gold payments, watever yoor pertikeler noshun may be, akkordin to the seckshun yoo happen to live in, to go to work with a will.

With Garfeeld in the chair yoo are out uv place for four long, dreery veers—with Hancock, the postoffises is ours. To work, then, with a will.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Manager).

P. S.—We shood git along better ef English wood give down ez he wuz expectid to. But he won't give a dollar. He is very thrifty, is English. He wood hev made a splendid Proddygal Son. Ef he hed taken his share uv his father's etate, he wood hev come back with a mortgage on all the kentry he went to. Ef he hed struck sich bad luck ez to hev bin compelled to eat husks with hogs he wood hev come home with the hogs, shoor.

P. S. No. 2.—Hancock opposed my puttin in anything about a defeet in Mane. He sez we hev hed all the jollificashen over it, and the Dimocrisy beleeve that we hev carried the state. Ez half the party don't never reed, the chances are that that they will never know we didn't carry the state. The Gineral is developin remarkably.

P. S. No. 3.—A mortifyin mistake occurred at our literary burow, yisterday. There wuz a lot uv campane docyments left over from the campane eight yeers ago, wich wuz sent out by mistake. Among em wuz a pamphlet in wich the great Butler wuz called "Beast Butler." Dimekratic committees receevin uv em will destroy em, ef they kin reed so ez to distinguish em.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY'S PATHETIC APPEAL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 27, 1880.

Ef the Dimocrisy uv the North cood only realize the condishn the Dimocrisy uv the South is in, they wood put on ther armor, and never lay it off till the last vote wuz polled.

The condishn uv the South is pitiable in the eggstreme, and onless immejit releef is extended nobody kin be anserable for the consekences.

The mountins is full uv distillers, wich is bein huntid by the tiranikle government. The rites uv the citizens uv the South to manufakter ther corn into whisky, and sell that whisky without payin any tax onto it is dispootid. Fedrel revenoo agents, backed up by armed men, is a scourin the mountains, and when a moonshiner is caught, his likker is confiscated and his still destroyed. It wood be suthin ef the likker wuz brot down to the villages and distribbited to the citizens, but it is not. The heds uv the barrels are crooelly stove in, and the preshus flooid is drank by the non-appreciative earth, wich hez no bowels that need it.

Over 30,000 gallons hev bin thus destroyed within ten miles uv the Corners, this yeer. Think uv the Dimocrats that this likker wood hev made! Think uv the comfort that likker wood hev bin to me and Deekin Pogram!

But it is lost forever!

We want a Congris that will keep the tax on likker, but we want a President and a Treasury department that will not collect the tax in the South. Ef the tax wuz removed the North wood undersell us, and destroy this revenoo, but by makin the North pay the tax and hevin revinoo officers that wood not collect it in the South, this industry cood be maintained.

We want the tax on terbacker repeeled entirely, ceptin on sich varieties ez they raise in the North. Our Northern frends must remember that the heaviest tax we pay is on terbacker, and it bears heavily onto our people. The impoverished South needs a heep uv nussin, jist now, and this wood be a help for us, only sekkond to a proper arrangement uv the likker interest.

Then we must hev the offises. The Democrisy uv the South lost ther labor when the feend and goriller, Linkin, emansipatid the niggers, and the Southern gentleman is altogether too hawty to perform manyool laber hisself. Next to livin off uv nigger laber, he is adapted to holdin light and easy offises, where the labor isn't too hefty, and the pay is ample. The offises is all in the hands uv the Radikels now, and we languish. All our interests languish. Not bein postmaster, I hev no money to spend at Bascom's, and he mourns. Not bein collector, McPelter hez bin obliged to put a mortgage on his farm in favoor uv Bascom, wich Bascom don't want, ez he hez to pay cash for his likker in Looisville.

We want these places ourselves, and must hev em.

Then we want to be shoor uv bein free from any interference with our system uv labor. We perpose to hev the nigger back to his normel condishen in some shape or another. wich we kin never do so long ez ablishnists are at the head uv things in Washington, and the government is controlled by a radikel Congress. Repu likin government is a standin menace to the South.

It ain't nessary for me to refer to the payment uv our clames for losses doorin the war, and the penshunin uv our Confedrit heroes. That is the very first thing to be done, for wat the South needs is capitle.

We hev now clames before Congris wich amounts to several billions, and we must hev a Congris wich will pay them clames, and a President wich won't veto the bills. We are sufferin for this money. Deekin Pogram hez a clame in for a hundred mules that Morgan ceezed, and the poor old man, on the verge uv the grave, wants the money. I hev a clame in for a penshun for servis in the Loozeaner Pelikins, and I wish to smooth my pathway to the toom.

We shant be hard upon the government. We shel want a part uv it cash down, and the balance in bonds. To make the down payment the government kin ishoo greenbax, wich by increesin the vollum uv the currency wood stimoolate trade, and the bonds mite run furever ef interest wuz promptly paid. Yoo see we are reasonable. We don't wish to embarass nobody.

Pay these clames, penshun our soljers, and give us sich appropriashens ez we want and the South will be loyal to the government so long ez it hez a government bond left. Is it likely we'd ever rebel agin a government on the interest uv whose debt we wuz livin, and wich we controlled? There is but one way uv soothin the Southern hart and pacify in the Southern soul.

Dimekrats uv the North, to you we appele. Yoo see the fix we are in. Ef a Southern planter cood go to work like a Northern farmer, it wood be different. We mite then rekooperate ourselves. But it can't be did. We are a proud, governin, roolin race, and must be cared for ez sich. It wuz the North that took away our niggers, and the North must take ther place.

The South holds out its hands to yoo. See that we are not disappinted agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Manager for Hancock).

P. S.—Bascom hez jist returned from Injeany where he went to see the Dimekratic state committee to see ef he coodent endoose em to send some money into Kentucky. English sternly refoozed, but sed he shood pay such Kentuckians ez come to Injeany to vote, liberally and even generously. Bascom didn't like it. Wat good is Democrisy to him, he sez,

ef they don't send money to where he is? He sez he can't go over to Injeany and start a bar. He woodent vote for English ef he cood help it.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY'S APPEAL TO OHIO AND INDIANA.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 6, 1880.

I am here on a furlo from our glorious leeder, General Hancock, to attend to some privit biznis, but I kin speak from here ez well ez from Guvnor's Island. It is to the Dimocrisy uv Ohio and Injeany that I address myself.

Yoo hev a terrible fite afore yoo next Toosday. The enemy uv ekal rites is up in arms, and are makin a desperate struggle for possession uv them states. It is the preliminary fite in the grate Presidential battle, and wichever side wins goes into the general engagement with a percentage in ther favor.

Will the Dimocrisy uv them states consider the sitooashen we are in, and wat we want?

We want a Dimekratic President and a Dimekratic Congris, so that we uv the Cross Roads kin hev Seceshn Crick slack-watered, a ralerode bilt to Secessionville, and a plank rode to Davisville, at the expense uv the gineral government, to create a biznis here.

We want a Dimekratic President and Congris so that Confedrit X Roads kin hev a postoffis and custom house to do the biznis that the system uv internal improvements contemplatid will perdoose.

We want a Dimekratic Congris wich will keep the tax on whisky, and a Dimekratic President wich will appint revenoo offisers that won't collect the tax in the South, so that we kin successfully compete with Northern distillers, and encourage that industry in the mountains uv the South.

We want a Dimekratic Congris that will pay Suthern war clames, and a Dimekratic President that won't veto the bills, so that the South may hev wat it most needs, cappytle.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen that will penshun the Suthern heroes wich fit for ther leeders' idees so that Bascom shel be able to git pay for the likker he sells, in cash, and do away with that cuss uv his biznis, bookkeepin. G. W. is not handy with chalk, and he hez either to do away with the credit system or enlarge the inside uv his bar-room. He is now postin his accounts on the inside uv his barn, wich is his ledger. A leeky roof and a rainy day wood wash out his entire accounts.

We want a Dimocratic Congris that will rip thunder out uv the tariff and let the South, wich isn't gifted in manufacters, sell ther cotton in Europe, and git her goods, wich is made by pauper laber there at pauper laber prices. The hawty South hez pade triboot to the manufactrin North long enuff.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen wich will not interfere with bayonets or sich when we pass sich laber laws ez will enable s to git the nigger wher is wool is short. We must hev cheep laber that we may hev crops and sich.

We want a administrashen wich will not interfere with eleckshuns in the South or in the lower wards uv the grate city uv Noo York. In them localities we want a very free ballot. We want no Johnny Davenports to arrest patriotic citizens becoz in their zeel for purity in government they

vote a dozen times at one eleckshun. Patriotism shood be encurridged.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen wich will let us re-organize the Soopreme court and make it Democratic, so that we may be shoor that wat a Dimokratic Congris does will to-wunst be pronounst legal and constitooshnel.

We want a Dimekratic administrashen wich will let us cut up the Suthern states so that we shel hold the controle for twenty yeers anyhow, after wich time whisky will hev done its perfeck work on me, and I shel take no more interest in pollytix.

We want the offises in the South now held by niggers and radikels.

These few things we want and must hev and yoo must git em for us.

It ain't no yoose to talk about prosperity and the dangers uv a change. Ther can't be any prosperity to a hungry Dimekrat so long ez a radikel holds a offis wich he wants. To talk to Deekin Pogram about prosperity when the radikel Pollock is collector, and his farm is mortgaged to Bascom, is holler mockery. To talk too me about prosperity when that nigger Lubbock okkepies the postoffis is wuss than mockery—it is crooelty.

Democrats uv Ohio and Injeany, rally for our sakes. Yoo kin hev the postoffises in yoor own states—the South is ginerous. But consider us and rally.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Organizer).

P. S.—General Hancock writes me to say to yoo ef after the eleckshun yoo git skeery about a change, that the Republikins will probably be strong enuff in Congris to hold him back, so ther can't be no danger in electin him anyway. And he sez "throw it out kind o' mildly in Ohio and Injeany that a Dimekratik President may go back on a Dimekratic platform, and be jist ez good a Republican ez tho he hed bin a member uv that party."

P. S. No 2.—The fust detachment uv Cross Roaders left the Cross Roads yisterday for Injeany, wher they vote next Toosday. English sez he is goin to carry the state in the interest uv a pure and good government ef Kentucky votes cost him $15 a pie e. He is goin to rescoo the country from the corruptionists at all hazards. P. V. N.

A HANCOCK PROCESSION BROKEN UP.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 10, 1880.

It wuz determined for effect upon the Injeany delegashen to hev a parade uv the Hancock forces in the Corners with banners and torches.

We hed a gorgeous percession arranged. It wuz headed by a wagon containin ez many wimmen ez ther wuz states that secedid, with the Confedrit flag a wavin over em. Melindy Pogram wuz holdin the Confedrit flag, dressed in mournin, typifyin the present condishn uv the South, while Hanner McPelter wuz drest in white, in the act uv lickin a nigger, showin wat we hope will happen when Hancock is finally electid and we get complete controle uv the government.

Follerin this allegorical representashen come the citizens uv the Corners, two by two, headid by me, barn torches, with the Confedrit flag a wavin over us in triumph.

The percesshun formed in front u Bascom's, and it wuz a perty site to see. Capt. McPelter wuz on Bascom's mule actin ez marshal, the wagon with the wimmen wuz in line, and everything wuz ready for a start.

Ez it took two hours to get the perceshun organized, the Dimocrisy wuz dry, and permishn wuz askt to break ranks to go in and git one sustaner afore it moved. I refoozed firmly, for ef the percesshun hed ever got into Bascom's it wood hev took another hour to git em into line agin, and Bascom settled it by remarkin that no one need go in onless he cood show the money for his drink just afore he got hold uv the bottle.

I give the word and sadly the perceshn moved up the street to the inspirin notes uv "Dixie" and the "Bonnie Bloo Flag," played by a fife and two drums.

We neered Pollock's store, and wuz jist on the pint uv givin him three groans when Joe Bigler appeared. He darted up to Issaker Gavitt, and whispered in his ear that ther wuz a barl uv noo whisky in the store on tap, and that Pollock wood give the Dimocrisy credit for likker for jist 30 minits.

The effeck wuz magikle. Issaker dropt his torch jist wher he stood and rushed into the store.

The feend Bigler hed whispered it loud enuff so that two or three heerd it, and it passed down the line like tellegraffin. In less than a second ther wuzn't a soul in the perceshn but me and the wagon, and wat cood I do?

I coodent make a perceshn all alone, with wun wagon full uv wimmin, and I follered the last one into the store with perhaps more alacrity than dignity.

Ther wuz a barrel there, and Bascom and Joe Bigler wuz a drorin out the preshus flooid in tin dippers, and dispensin uv it freely.

It is needlis to say that that perceshen never marched agin. It wuz bustid. I coodent git the men into line agin.

And then to add to the feendishnis uv these two conspirators, Joe Bigler hired a nigger on a mule to go in front uv the hosses wich wuz a drawin the wagon, with a peck uv oats, wich the hosses smelt, and the nigger rode off down a by-street holdin out the basket, and the hosses become uncontrollable and started after them oats. The cussid nigger licked his mule into a gallop, the eager hosses broke into a run, the nigger turned a corner sudden, the hosses, forgettin the preshus load they wuz a drawin, turned the corner sudden also, over went the wagon, and that end uv the perceshun wuz dumped into a ditch.

Betwixt the free likker and the peck uv oats the finest perceshn ever organized in the Corners come to greef. And wat made it wuss, half the voters we wuz goin to send to Injeany got so full that they coodent be carted over to Secessionville in time to take the train for Leoisville, and there is jist that number uv votes lost to the Dimocrisy uv Injeany. A part uv em got off, however, and we hev probably sent enuff to carry the state.

Ez English don't send any money into Kentucky, Bascom is goin to start a branch grosery at some pint in Southern Injeany, till after the November eleckshun. He is an enterprisin man, is Bascom, and he sez ef English's money won't come to him he will go to English's money. He is bound to hev his divvy some way.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(P. M. that wuz and is to be.)

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A HOWL OF ANGUISH.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Oct. 15, 1880.

The Cross Roads met at the meetin-house the nite after the October eleckshun. It wuz a pertikelarly gloomy meetin, the most espeshly gloomy I hev ever witnest. Melindy Pogram and Hanner McPelter hed spent the entire day in preparin the house for the occashen. They draped the skulls uv the Yoonyun soljers killed at Fort Piller in five cent bombazeen, folden the Confedrit flag, wich is our pride, in mournin, and run strips uv black caliker all over the house. The pictures uv Jeff Davis and Boregard wuz likewise draped, and only two candles wuz put upon the pulpit.

The exercises wuz opened by singin this hymn wich I adapted for the occashun:

"Plunged in a gulf of deep despair
We wretched sinners lay,
The niggers votid everywhere,
Upon eleckshun day."

After wich I read em the follerin

WAIL OF ANGUISH.

A Dimekratic man is uv few days and very full uv trouble.

He goeth forth to the polls smilin in the mornin, and returneth at nite full uv wounds and brooses and putrifyin sores.

The Dimekratic party is too short at both ends.

It is a harlet that dresses too low in the neck and too short in the skirts.

It is weak in the middle and no strength abideth at the top or bottom

The Lord is agin Democrisy.

In vain we prayed for short crops, and in vain our supplicashens went up for rinderpest and hoof-rot among the cattle on a thousand hills.

In vain we implored for a potato rot and potato bugs, or anything else that wood distress the Yank and make him howl for a change.

In vain we invoked the aid of the weevil and the Hessian fly, and the chintz bug, and the army worm, that the husbandman should curse the administration and turn to us.

Lo, the more we prayed for distress the more there wuz prosperity.

The crops were good, and the prices therefor bully, and wat kin a Dimecrat do when there is no trouble?

We preached hard times, and they shook gold and silver under our noses.

We said to the laborer, lo, you are oppressed, and he jeered, showin uv us a savins bank book.

The smoke uv the furnace wuz to us the smoke of the torment.

The clang uv hammers, and the wheeze uv the engine, wuz our funeral knell.

We sent Blackburn and other brigadeers to the North, but the people put their tongues in their cheeks and wagged their heads in derision.

We sed lo, we hev a Yoonyun soljer for our candidate.

And they ansered, sayin, verily he hez changed his yooniform.

They slathered Greely, and they hev cracked Hancock between their thumb nails.

We offered em free trade, and they ansered sayin, give us a tariff.

We offered em soft money, but they replied, sayin, no soft money in ourn.

We offered to take the government off their hands, but they sed it wuz doin very well now, thank yoo.

Gone is the postoffises, and the custom houses shel never know us again.

Gone is the hope uv penshuns and the payment uv our war claims.

Bascom will either hev to shut shop or foreclose on our farms.

For his chalk is out, and talk is cheep, but likker costs money.

The moonshiners will be hunted in the mountains and the dweller on the plains will go athirst.

The nigger Lubbock will continner in the postoffis, and Pollock from Illinoy will sit at the receipt uv customs.

And Joe Bigler will yet be his depitty and vex the people.

Wher shel I fly? Wher is the rock that shel hide me?

To Noo Jersey? The radikels will kerry that.

To Delaware? They are reachin out their impious hands for that.

To Florida? That will swell the vote for the feend Garfield.

To Mississippi? The nigger will vote in that state next yeer, and it will be no place for me.

To Arkansas? Ez goes Mississippi so will she.

The nigger will vote, and he will ask wages for his labor.

And his wife will not be ourn agin, nor his daughter.

We shel not sell em ez paupers to the highest bidder, and they will own land, and mules, and sich.

We shel see skool houses in the South, and preechers, and other abominashens.

And who kin tell? We may hev rollin mills and sich things in the Corners.

For when the shivelry is bustid what is to prevent the Yank with his money from comin down and possessin the land?

We are helplis.

To beg we are ashamed, and ther ain't nothin here to steel.

We coood hev worried along withe the postoffices, but they are gone.

In the valley uv the shadder sit we, and ther ain't no ladder by wich we kin clime out.

After weepin an hour the meetin dispersed, and re-asembled sadly at Bascom's.

"Give us a drink," sed the Deekin, in a faltrin voice.

"Show me yoor money," wuz the onfeelin reply. "I hed ruther keep the likker than to sell it for promises. Gentlemen, cash is the rool from this time out."

And ez he wuz inflexible and there wuzn't a dollar in the party, we sot parched to the very entrales.

Issaker Gavitt wuz the fust to break silence.

"My line uv polisy is cleer. I shell jine the Republikens, and put in for an offis."

It wuz ez ef the sun hed risen and wuz a streemin thro the cracks in the ruff.

"So will I," sed McPelter.

And they all sed the same thing.

I think myself it wood be the best. It is the shortest way to kill the Republikin party. For the Republikin party to take in the Corners and sich, wood be like a helthy man takin striknin. Somehow every organizahen we hev jined hez managed to die with great dispatch.

Possibly this is our way out uv the woods.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Oppressed).

MR. NASBY'S TROUBLE AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Oct. 25, 1880.

Instid uv bein in Injeany, battlin with the Dimocrisy agin the triumfant hosts uv Republikins, I am here doin a more important dooty.

A residence on the Island, is in some respects, more pleasant than among the Dimocrisy uv Injeany, and in others not so pleasant.

I hev my likker reglar, and all I want uv it, for I hev free access to the genral's sideboard, wich is good, but there is drawbax. I am reqwired to put on a cleen shirt at least every other mornin and cleen sox is perpetooally reqwired. Ginral Hancock is very fastijus about sich things.

My biznis here is to keep Gineral Hancock from talkin to anybody wich is not authorized by Barnum, the Dimekratic manager, and to see that all the letters he writes are submitted to a committy before they are mailed.

Hancock's bein intervewed, and the letters he writes, hev given us a power uv trouble, and lost us many votes, and the pint is to prevent him from makin any more uv a ass uv hisself till after the eleckshun.

Wuns electid, uv course we don't keer, but the pint is to git him elected.

Last nite a terrible accident okkurred, wich well nigh lost me my place. I visited the sideboard sevral more times than wuz proodent, and bein fuller than a sentinel on the outposts uv success ought to be, become boastful and impoodent. Ther happened in at the time, a half dozen Dimocrats from diffrent parts uv the kentry to see Hancock. These wuz the very ones I wuz instructid to keep out, but likker got the best uv me and I boastid uv my power to admit or to keep out all visitors.

They tanted me, and remarkt that talk wuz cheep, and sich, and in a moment uv idocy, for wich I can't account, I admittid em one to a time.

The first wich went in come out with a hurrah.

"I knowd it," sed he; "I knowd it. Hancock is ez good a free trader ez I want. I hev it from his own mouth. He won't hev no tariff, but we uv the South may sell our cotton where we please, and hev our manufactered goods without payin no triboot to Noo England or Pennsylvany. Hooror for Hancock!"

Five minits after the next one rushed out.

"Hooror for Hancock!" he yelled. "I knowd it—I knowd it. He is as much uv a high tariff man ez I want. I got it from his own lips. He won't never meddle with the tariff, onless it is to make it higher and stronger and more protectin. I got it from his own lips. Hooror for Hancock!"

And a minit later a man rushed out swearin that Hancock hed jis ashoored him that he wuz a Greenbacker, and another that he wuz a hard money man and inflexibly in favor uv nashnel banks, and finely one come out hoorayin for Hancock becoz he hed declared in favor uv a greater Chinese imigrashen, and swore that the government wuz in duty bound to pertect em that we mite hev cheep labor.

In twenty minits Ginral Hancock hed committid hisself to every political prinsiple known to modern days, and it wuz made public through my negligence.

A man can't drink whisky and attend to business. He must give his hull mind to either one or tother. Barnum wuz angry with me, and sed another sich a skip ez that and out I'd go. I didn't blame him, espeshly ez these fellers all went over to the city and doubtlis are by this time comparin notes. Barnum sed ef he coodent get keepers he cood trust he'd lock Hancock up till after the eleckshun.

Nevertheless we hev got to elect Hancock. We hev got to. We must. We wuz most everlastinly whaled in Injeany and Ohio,, but still we kin elect him. We must elect him, for the life uv the Democratic party depends onto it.

Ef the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky hev to go on for four yeers more, subsistin on husks, and gittin its likker on credit, half its votin strength will hev passed in its chips, and gone into the hereafter. We hev tested our endurance to the last pint, and the strained bow won't hold out any longer.

And I ain't shoor but that Hancock's ijee is the rite one after all. After his various utteranqes wat kin any Dimekrat find in him that they don't want? Ef they want free trade, they kin hev it. Ef they incline to perteckshen, they kin be sooted. Ef they want soft money, he is willin, and ef they want nashnel banks and gold, he comes up smilin to that proposishen. In short, like his party, he hez a most varigated and picteresk set uv prinsiples, and every shade uv opinyun kin take its choice. He hez an extensive assortment uv prinsiples, and everybody kin be sootid.

Wat he wants is to be electid, and wat I want is to hev him electid. Watever may be his noshens on tariffs and sich, I know he is sound on postoffis, and that is the grate prinsiple we are strugglin for.

I shel never consider the kentry safe till that nigger Lubbock's hed rolls in the sawdust, and I hev my old place in the Postoffis at the Corners.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hungrin and Thirstin).

MR. NASBY UTTERS A PROLONGED AND FEARFUL WAIL.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 15, 1880.

Gone-up,
Physicked,
Puked,
Played,
Scorched,
Skinned,
Salivated,
Kicked,
Bustid,

All these, and a great many more too tejus to menshun, is Democrisy.

The East went for us, and the West scooped us.

The East and the West jined hands agin us, meetin jist about at Mentor, wich is in the state uv Ohio.

We are hopelis, for English did not open his bar'l, and Tilden wuz not a cow to be milked for another man.

We forged letters, but they kicked, and we writ "329" on houses in vane.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, but this year the wind listeth to blow from the North excloosively.

The North wind is pizen to a Dimocrat.

We didn't keer much for Hancock, but we did want the postoffises.

We wantid em bad.

Nary Dimokrat now livin will ever set hisself in a postoffis.

We wuz defrauded out uv them places.

We sent enuff repeeters into Injeany to carry that state, but after takin our money for ther votes they votid agin us.

We paid for all the repeeters in Noo York, but after takin our money they got a spasm uv decency and voted with our enemies.

We wuz defraudid becoz we didn't git the votes we bought with price.

Cussid be the dishonest man wich took money for repeetin 10 time and then did it only four.

Speshly cussid be he who took Hancock's money and then went a voted for Garfeeld.

But they did it.

There is no more yoose in killin niggers to keep em from the poles the South, for the North kin elect without us, and it's wasted powder a shot.

The solid South is to the Dimocrisy ez a tape-worm is to a man— consoomith the body it inhabits.

The niggers will vote next yeer, and we shel lose half the Southe states.

I wuz in the cars, and I sot me down aside a man whose red nose pr claimed his pollitix. It wuz a fearful nose, a beacon-lite.

Groanin, I sed unto him, "Lo, we wuz scooped in the eleckshun."

And he lifted up his voice and sed, "Wat do yoo mean by sayin wuz scooped?"

And I sed, "The Republikins hev got us."

And he scoffinly sed, "Yoo mistake me, gentle, sir. I am not a Dim crat. The color in my nose is biles."

Ez we bet heavy on Hancock, there must hev bin a pile uv men ago about whose noses were red, not of likker, but becoz uv biles.

In Barnum, wich managed, we hed a purge, and in Hancock, wich nominated, we hed an emetic.

The Dimocrisy cood not stand two sich calamities, and it went und

Hancock cood not carry the party and Barnum both, and he we down.

The Corners mourns becoz its hopes is blastid.

Seceshn Crik will not be slack-watered, nor will we hev a gorgus cu tom house.

The niggers over at Libbertyville will be pertected, and we shel n hev em for our men servance and made servance.

Ef we hev any more corn, we shel hev to plow, and sow, and hoe, a reap, or pay the nigger for doin it, wich is unprofitable.

The tax on whisky will be continyood, and our entrales will be parched.

The nigger Lubbock will still hev the postoffis, and Pollock will be collector, with Joe Bigler for his depitty.

Bascom will close his bar, for he can't run on tick forever, and will foreclose on all the farms in the naberhood.

Alreddy he hez put up a sign, "No trust," at wich we turn sadly aw or wait for the stranger within our gates to ask us up.

Mine eyes are red with weepin, and my nose is gittin whiter.

Ef this state uv things keeps up, and I kin borrer a cleen shirt, I s soon pass for a Republikin.

Sheel I jine the Republikins? They don't want me.

Shel I run for a electiv offis? Alas! sich ez me can't be electid.

I will go to Noo York, wher John Kelly hez power, and serve Ta many.

Tammany is all that is left uv the Dimocrisy, and Tammany is get thin.

Ther is enuff left uv Tammany to keep me the few short years I shel live.

And when Tammany dies then will I die. and it will be well for Tammany and me to die together, and be laid in the grave.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hart Sick).

MR. NASBY'S FINAL INTERVIEW WITH GEN. HANCOCK.

Governor's Island,
(Wich is in the State uv Noo York),
Nov. 27, 1880.

I am here, on this classic island, for the last time, I suppose. I come over from Noo York to git the last uv my salery, and to bid my late chief farewell forever.

I found the General despondent, and employin the heft uv the time dammin most everybody. These wuz about the substance uv his remarks:

"I cood hev pulled thro ef it hedn't bin for a complicashun uv trubbles wich I wuz loaded with. There wuz Barnum at the hed uv the committee. How cood eny man be electid with Barnum at the hed uv anything? A Barnum wuz enuff to sink anybody. He hedn't any sense nor any sand. He didn't know how to raise any money, and wat he did raise he squandered on skeems that didn't amount to nothin, instid uv goin into Injeany and buyin up votes, ez the party alluz hez. Barnum alone wuz enuff to rooin me.

"Then there wuz all uv them skeems. '329' wuz a settler, for them ez cood read wuz indignant, and the Dimocrisy that coodent read didn't know what it meant. There wuz thousands uv dollars uv chalk wasted in that.

"And then the Morey letter. Wat good wuz it to forge a letter jist on the eve uv eleckshun, when everybody hed made up their minds how they wuz agoin to vote anyhow? Wat good wuz there in forgin a Morey letter ontil yoo hed a Morey to father it, and hed the thing put up so't twood stand? Wat yoose wuz there in bein guilty uv a forgery, when it only killed us? Wat good is a musket, the kick uv wich is more powerful than the discharge? These two skeems wuz Barnum's.

"I hev nothin to reproach myself with," continued the General. "I talked tariff to Pennsylvanians, and free trade to Injeanians. I sent every Confedrit wat cum to me away perfectly satisfied that he wuz agoin to git jist wat he wantid, and the Massychoosits Dimekrats likewise. I kerried out Barnum's instructions to the letter, and wuz all things to all men. I wuz for and agin internal improvements. fur and agin every question in Amerikin pollitix. I indorsed to various parties every kind uv finanshel polisy wich hez bin propounded—and by the way the number uv finanshel polisies there is is astoundin—jist ez he told me.

"It wuzn't my fault that Barnum allowed these differin people to come together after they left me, and compare notes; he shood hev hed better arrangements made. He shood hev let em out by different doors, and hed em cross the ferry by different boats, and all go to different hotels in the city. These arrangements wuz his to make, not mine. To do the talkin wuz enuff for me.

"And then I hed Wade Hampton on my back. That speech he made in Virginia wuz a sweet thing to pile onto a Fedrel soljer, and then his challengin Sherman. He killed me when he inventid the Solid South.

"These wuzn't all I hed to kerry, but they wuz enuff. I mite hev

got thro ef the Lord hed killed the crops for four yeers, but with sich pr perity ez the kentry wuz a hevin, it wuz uv no yoose. No man kin f nacher and the stoopidity uv the Dimocrisy. I don't want to be Pre dent anyhow.

"Good bye. I may see yoo agin, but I hope not. I forgive yoo y blunders—they wuzn't any wuss than Barnum's—and the committy w pay yoo yoor salary. Good-bye."

Wringin his hand, and hastily borrowin ten dollars uv him, I bid f grate man farewell forever.

My fucher is mixed, but I shel probably settle in Noo York. It is b ter here. There is wider range uv paster for borrerin than in the Corn and credit is more easily established. Bascom hez positively refoos credit, and all the money there is in the Corners is in the hands uv the n gers and Republicans. Before I left I went three days wunst on l than five drinks a day, and them I got by passin myself off on Loc ville drummers ez a merchant in a naberin village.

Here I am shoor. I kin git in with John Kelly, for he wants recro mighty bad jist now, and possibly in a year I kin git to be a skool commi ner, or suthin uv that sort. Kelly is libral and sez the Irish shant h more than 90 per cent uv the places; and ef the wust comes to the wu I kin make my name O'Nasby, and apologize for not hevin the brogue sayin that I wuz brot from Ireland when I wuz quite young. Th ought to be a college in Noo York to teech Amerikins the Irish brog that an Amerikin may hev some chance for a offis.

But bein no Irishman I kin pick up suthin that is comfortable, a I bleeve I will stay. Shirts is harder to get at here than in Kentuck, f while there are more uv em, they are hung out to dry on the tops uv houses, insted uv bein on lines convenient in the backyard. And besi when I shel board ther ain't so many shirts ez to make washin and ha in out possible. However a shirt is a luxury that kin be dispenst wi and I don't mind it.

I borrered $5 uv a inebriated Kentuckian after I come over from Island, wich will keep me a week uv itself. There is a milyun uv peo here, to say nothin uv strangers, and ef I can't make a livin out uv it will be singler. Here is my feeld.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Undismayed

MR. NASBY RECEIVES A SHIRT FROM HIS FRIENDS

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky
Dec. 6, 1880.

Last week I receeved the followin epistle:

Kinmundy, Ills., Nov. 27, 18

Petroleum V. Nasby:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, having been constant readers of your let for some time, and observing that you were greatly in need of a clean shirt, take the liberty of presenting you one that we hope will give entire satisfact We hope to hear from you soon.

Dr. W. O. Smith, O. N. Tyner,
R. W. Smith, Geo. E. Pickering,
J. F. Donovan, L. L. Hollister.

There wuz a shirt enclosed, but it wuz like Hancock in the last elect and Dimocratic successes ginerally, very much too short for any pract yoose. There may hev bin a period in my life when I good hev worn

shirt, but at present writin, a five foot eight man, weighin about 235, an't git himself into a shirt six inches long, and correspondingly wide.

I felt when I looked at it jist ez I did when I wuz readin the eleckshun returns. This six inch affair is a shirt, but it is too small for any yoose vatever, tho it is a shirt all the same. The Dimocrisy is a party, all comlete, from a candidate for the Presidency to a nashnel committy, but it roved itself to be too short at both ends, and not wide enuff across the niddle, and wuz uv no earthly account.

Still, I thank the donors hartily. A six inch shirt, tho it be but a eminiscence uv a shirt, would be better than none at all to a man wich vuz pertikeler about shirts.

But for me it is uv no yoose. I wear a shirt occasionally, when it is andy to procoor em, but I never traveled on shirts. When I am walkin t 12 at nite, and I see a line full uv em, I am not above borrerin one, or erhaps two, and I even yeeld to the prejedis uv our civilizashun by putin em on, but I keer very little for em. The prinsiple good they re to me is to spout em at Bascom's for the actooal necessities uv life. I hev kept Bascom in shirts for many years.

At the Corners I very seldom wear a shirt, for one loses caste by putin on sich frills. The man showin a white shirt at the Corners is taken for a Republikin, espeshly ef it is clean.

When I am goin out speakin in the East I succum to prejoodis enuff to put on a paper collar, but no shirt is necessary. I hev a vest cut close about the throat, and pin a paper collar inside the collar uv the vest unto the undershirt. Ef my finances, or opportoonities for borrerin off uv close lines, are so limited that I hev no undershirt, I pin it onto the inside uv the collar uv the vest. The shirt is then understood, it is conceded, and yoo git along jist ez well.

Wat is the yoose uv a shirt, anyway? It don't give no warmth, and only a few square inches uv it shows. There is three yards uv cotton, and a yard uv linen yoosed up jist for the little square that shows at the buzm. Ef yoo must show linen in front, why not hev a little square uv linen pinned onto the inside uv the vest wher it opens, and save all the rest?

The fact is there is altogether too much wastid in this world. The bodies and fronts uv shirts wich are totally unnecessary, cost ez much ez the skool system, the skool system being unnessary. Inasmuch ez it rooins the Dimocratic party I wood do away with that. These two strong pints uv the Republikin party abolished, there wood be enuff surplus in a yeer to pay the nashnel debt, and give every man in Kentucky a barl uv noo whisky, and hev enuff over to slack-water Seceshn Crik, and make the Cross Roads an important commershal point.

Ther are other extravagancies wich we indulge in on wich I mite dwel, but it is unnecessary. Wat we want to do is to git down to the simplicity uv our fathers, and leave the unnecessaries alone, that we may hev an unlimited supply uv the nessaries.

Ef I hev any more admirers in Illinoy wich want to send me testimonials, let them omit shirts and sich and do suthin yooseful for me. Let em send me a two-gallon jug uv Illinoy whisky. They must pack it in a nail keg, for a jug wood never reech me. It wood be stolen afore it got half way from the depot at Seceshnville. This will be suthin that will be comfortin, and will give me a better opinyun uv my fellows and a broader idee uv our common hoomanity.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Expectant).

(The following "Kentucky idyl," as it was termed in its sub-title, a peared in the issue of the Toledo Weekly Blade of December 30, 1880.)

CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSS ROADS FOURTEEN YEARS AG

It wuz fourteen yeers ago, when time hedn't furrowed my cheek the extent that it is now, and when life hed jist fourteen yeers more into than now. Ah! fourteen years is nothin to the boy uv twenty, fourte Christmasses look mighty thin from one end uv li but from the other! Wood that I cood be sot back the fourteen yeers--wood thet I hed the likker to drink over that I hev dru in them fourteen yeers! But I can't. Ef yoo spend a dollar yoo kin ma another, but the time yoo spend is gone forever. Life is wun thing wich ther ain't no drawbax. Wat yoo hev yoo hev—wat yoo lose is lost.

Along the path uv life there are many toom-stuns. They mark t graves uv berried hopes and murdered aspirashens. The toom-stun at t end uv life isn't a circumstance to them wich fate reers for us ez we pa thro it.

The heftiest toom-stun that wuz ever erectid to me wuz on a Chri mas day, eggsackly 14 yeers ago.

I will relate it for the guidance uv them wich come after me, tho n a soul uv em will be guided by it at all. We write stories a sich, and narrate eggsperiences and all that, for the gui ance uv others, but it don't amount to the burnin uv straw or t cracklin uv thorns under a pot. Men read and say, "Wat a lesson!" a immejitly go and do wat the lesson tells em not to do, ontil disease a sich teaches em that they hed better not.

Printin is about the most uselis art I know uv, except for amoos ment. It requires suthin stronger than moral lessons to accomplish an thing. Experience is the best thing, and the only one that is good.

The hed-ake in the mornin is a better tempranse lectrer than the mo gifted orator wich ever yawped, and the inability to eat teaches a mo sollum lesson than all the temprance trax I ever read.

But to my story.

It wuz fourteen yeers ago to-day. I wuz fresher at the Cross Roa then than now—I hed bin a citizen a less time, and consekently hed mo credit. At that time I hed bin postmaster and wuz payin Bascom suth on account, and it wuz conceded at the Corners that I wood pay ez so ez the offis wuz made a Presidenshel one, and the salary shood be i creest.

At that time A. Johnson wuz President uv the Yoonitid States, and hed jist returned from Washington. It wuz poperly spozed at the Corne that I stood next to His Exslensy, and that I cood hev watever I wanti I hed swung with him around the cirkle, I hed been his cheef adviser, r and Postmaster Ginral Randall, and I stood very high in the estimation the citizens. I hed it in my hands to do suthin with the posishens honor and profit, and I wuz doin a very snug biznis sellin places under t administrashen, or, rather, borrerin money on the promises uv places.

I hed determined to make my callin and eleckshun shoor, while I w in posishen to do it. I determined to fasten myself to suthin permane while I wuz in credit. I wuz very certin that in a little time A. Johns wood go out uv power never to return, and that watever yoose I ma uv my conneckshun with him must be made to wunst.

Early in the fall I cast my eyes on Serena Pogram. She wuz uv so ri

a age that she wuz reddy to fall into the arms uv any man wich cood provide for her, and her father hed a farm uv 360 akers, wich, with decent management, cood be made to make a livin for us, espeshly ez ther wuz but two girls to inherit it. The old man hed hed some boys, but sodcorn likker hed taken them out uv the way long ago.

I laid seige to the venerable girl, but found I hed a rival. It is a singler thing in this incomplete and unsatisfactory world that there ain't anything that any man wants that some other man don't want the same thing. Capt. McPelter hed cast his eyes onto Serena; Capt. McPelter lingered over the prospeck uv subsistin onto them akers, and Capt. McPelter dispooted my pretenshuns to the hand uv the girl, if a matoor virgin of 41 may be so called.

But I laid over the Captain. He wuz younger and handsomer than I, but I hed more tongue and intelleck, and beside I hed suthin in the shape uv a posishen.

I wuz fresh from Washington. I told Serena uv the power I possest, I red her letters from the President in wich I wuz consultid on all sorts uv questions, and I permitid her to think that I wuz the second man in the government, and that whoever shood succeed in capcherin me wood hev the gorgusest kind uv a time a livin at the capitle.

I went so fur ez to take to her two desines fur houses in Washington, and shortly after I asked her whether in the event uv my ever marryin agin it wood be better to hev a large house with a little ground in the heart uv the city, or the same kind uv a house with more ground, further out.

One day I wood ask her which, in her opinyun, wood be the best for me, to take a furrin mishn, or accept a cabinit posishen at home? If I shood decide to go abroad, wood London or Paris be the most preferable, and ef I concloodid to stay at home, shood I take a posishun in wich ther wuz money without profit, or one with profit without money; or shood I take one in wich both profit and money met and embraced, as it were.

Ther ain't no woman livin wich woodent like to be a grand lady at the capitle, and Serena wuz so bedeviled with the prospeck uv bein the wife uv a power there, and with all the gorgeousnis attainable, that she threw McPelter over without compuncshen, and acceptid me.

Then Serena slopt over. She saw all her old frends, but in a patronizin way. She talkt to em uv her regrets at leevin the home uv her childhood, and the fearful responsibility it wuz to take so high a posishen; but ez Providence hed called her to it, she shood do her best. Ef any uv shood ever be in Washington, she hoped they wood call upon her, and they wood find one woman who cood not be spoiled by prosperity, but wood remember in her elevashen the frends uv her yooth. Serena run this thing till she wuz corjilly hatid by every girl in the Corners.

The weddin wuz sot for Christmas day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after wich we wuz to hev Bascom's mule hitched into Pettibone's buggy to take us over to the stashen at Seceshnville, where we wuz to go to Looisville to spend our honeymoon.

I did the libral thing, on the strength uv the approachin nupshels. I borrered $100 uv Issaker Gavitt, and I made my affianced presents that wuz gorgus. I giv her a silk dress, and a pair uv shoes, with stockins to match, and gloves and sich, till yoo coodent rest. The old man, expectin to be collector uv revenoo under the President, give his consent, and the matter wuz concloodid. It wuz set for Christmas, 1866.

We wuz assembled in the parler and waitin for the preecher. We eggspectid to wait for him, for we hev no regler supply at the Corners, and we hed to send a long distance for one, into a Ablishn settlement. I wuz willin to hev the ceremony pernounst by a justis uv the peece, but Selena objectid. She wuz uv a aristocratic turn uv mind, and insistid that she shoodent feel herself properly married onless it wuz done by a clergyman, in regler standin, and in doo form.

While we wuz watin a discussion ariz ez to wat Christmas reely wuz anyway. Mrs. Bascom sed it wuz the day onto wich the Savior wuz croocified. Geo. W., her husband, sed it wuz the day onto wich he wuz born. Deekin Pogram, who felt that it wuz necessary that he showd sum knowledge uv sich things, insistid that it wuz the day he riz; Issaker Gavitt sed it wuz the day that he cum uv age, and I, feelin my repetashen at stake, silenst em all by assertin that it hed reference solely to a prophesy made a thousand yeers afore ez to suthin connectid with the Savior, wich I wood explain to em when I hed time.

The time wuz approachin. The Methodist preecher wich wuz to tie the knot wuz expectid momentarily. The hoofs uv his hoss wuz heerd approaching when a nigger boy kim in and handed me a note. I opened it and red:

"Beware! The old man's farm is mortgaged to Bascom for more than it is worth, and he is urgin on this marriage in hopes yoor inflooence with the President will help yoo to pay it off. Beware! Withdraw while it is everlastinly in time."

I hed suspectid this. I hed no doubt uv its trooth, for the old man hed laid about Bascom's so long that he must hev bin thousands in debt. And wat a gulf wuz I steppin into! Marryin a scraggy old maid, encumberin myself with her, with no farm ez an alleviatin circumstance. Not any.

I rose from my seet, and remarkt to Selina:

"When the preecher comes, give him my compliments, and tell him ther won't be no occashun for his services. I hev made up my mind not to marry to-day."

Serena shreeked and the Deekin stormed. He took me by the throat and swore that he wood force me to marry the girl then and there. The venerable old man hed his beemin eye on a offis too long to be swindled out uv it ez he supposed he wuz bein, in any sich way, and he insistid that I shood fulfill my engagement. Serena, whose hed hed bin filled with dreems uv a life in Washington, with oshens uv money and sich, wuz not agoin to hev her dreems bustid so roodly, and she came at me with her claws, and left my face a wreck in less than a second. McPelter stormed, and Issaker Gavitt wuz only restrained from assaultin me by the hopes uv the posishen I hed promised him.

In the midst uv the melee the preecher arrived. He jined in the circus, and helpt to make it lively. Ef there wuz goin to be no weddin why hed he bin sent for? He hed rode fifteen miles thro the cold, and he wantid to know who wuz to pay him his dollar and a half.

The Deekin sed the bridegroom wuz the responsible man. The preecher remarkt mildly but firmly that he come at the rekest uv the Deekin, and he shood hold him ef I declined to pay, wich I promptly did. The Deekin hedn't seen that amount uv money for a month, and the preecher squared off to sail into both uv us, when Capt. McPelter interfered.

He remarkt that he cood not akkount for the refoosal uv Mr. Nasby to fulfill his promise. Here wuz blited expectashens and a crushed life.

Here wuz a bein whose cup hed bin dashed from her lips, and whose dreem uv marital feelisity hed bin roodly destroyed. Here wuz a preecher wich shood hev a dollar and a half to perform a marriage ceremony. "I hev a dollar and a half," he continnered, "and that ther may be a weddin I will marry Serena."

I wuz willin, and Serena who wuz so enraged that even dippin snuff did not quiet her, consentid. She stood up with Capt. McPelter, I smilin sardonically the while, and in less than a minit they were made one.

"I congratyoolate yoo, Captin, on yoor bride," I sed, "but look at this. The farm is mortgaged."

"I guess not," sed he. "I writ that note to yoo myself! Ha! ha!"

"But how hez the Deekin got his likker all these yeers?" I asked in dismay.

"He hez subsistid on the stock, and his agricultooral implements, partly, and partly by gittin niggers to do his work and never payin. He is heavily in debt, but the land is clear."

And so it wuz. There wuzn't the scratch uv a pen on the place, and the infamus scoundrel, the mercenary wretch, wich cood marry a girl for her money, or wat wuz the same, for the prospeck uv a farm, hed deceeved me, and made me a laffin stock.

I need not write more. Capt. McPelter hez Serena, and is livin with the Deekin, while I—I am a waiter upon Providence, dependin for my sustenance upon chance invitashuns and sich crums ez fall to me by chance. He hez a solid fucher while I am driftin about, ketchin onto sich stray bits ez a kindly Providence, wich looks after sparrers, throws into my way.

Still I hev my consolashens. McPelter hez his likker ashoored, but when I look at Serena dippin snuff and think that he hez to live with her, and endoor her, I console myself with the thot that even regler rashens may hev to be too dearly paid for, and that better is a feast uv herbs in the tents uv wickedness than a stawld ox on the house-top with a brawlin woman.

Life is a lottery, and ther are more Christmasses to come. Possibly some Christmas in the fucher I shell be in Capt. McPelter's place and he in mine. Time makes all things even. At all events I find I kin git along and when one kin do that, wat matters anything else? I hev but a few more Christmasses to go thro with, and when I am finally carted out and put under the red earth uv the Corners, I shell be ez well off ez the Kaiser William under several tons uv marble. It's all one anyhow.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

MR. NASBY MAKES SUNDRY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 1, 1881.

Some time sence some friends in Illinoy sent me a shirt. Bein but six inches in length from the collar to the end uv the tale, it wuzn't uv any very great yootility, considered ez a shirt. Ez a token uv remembrance it wuz a perfect thing, but considered in the lite uv a shirt for wear, or for pawnin for likker (wich is the yoose I hev ginerally put my shirts to), it wuz a failyoor.

I don't keer about hevin shirts presentid to me. Ez a rool I don't wear em, and when I go in to Republikin commoonities wher sich sooper-

flooities are considered necessary, I kin borrer em off uv cloze lines any time after 12 at nite.

But likker, that is another thing. People in the visinity uv the Cross Roads do leeve ther shirts out all nite, so a supply is alluz attainable. But I never knowd a man in this vicinity to ever leeve a barl uv whisky out over nite, and consekently that hez to be prokkoored otherwise.

A few days after receevin that shirt, I got a little box by mail, with the follerin letter:

Petroleum V. Nasby: Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 20.

I hev been a constant reader of your letters for some time, and as you stand greatly in need of a jug uv whisky, I take the opportunity of sending you a jugfull for Christmas, Hoping it will reach you safe, I subscribe myself,

M. C. CARLOS.

This wuz a holler mockery. It wuz a jug, and wuz actilly filled with whisky, but the jug itself wuzn't bigger than a thimble, and the likker it contained woodent hev made a drink for Tom Thum. I drank it, however, but the only effect wuz to arouse a slumberin appetite, and made me insane for more, wich wuz wicked, ez Bascom positively refooses to give any credit watever, and I hevn't seen a dollar sence I wuz votin for Hancock in Injeany.

But a mercifel Providence interfered, ez it alluz does. The very next day I reseeved the follerin letter:

Carmi, Ill., Dec. 23rd, 1880.

To Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, Confedrate X Roads, Ky.:

Esteemed Friend:—We, a few of your admiring friends here in Egypt, have read with much pleasure and fully indorse the observation made by you on receiving a shirt, or what purported to be a shirt, from some of your friends up at Kinmundy. From your description we are led to believe that if this particular garment, or what purports to be a garment, had been before Tom Hood when he sung "the song of the short," he would have cut his tune to short meter.

We desire to furnish a more material token of our regard to you for your distinguished services in behalf of our time-honored and battle-scarred old party. There is nothin mean nor small about us. We think we know where to touch a tender, sympathetic chord in the Democratic heart. We send no superfluous articles of food or clothing. Ours is a more substantial offering; something more in harmony with Democratic ideas, more congenial to Democratic tastes, more palatable and toothsome to Democratic appetites, and something wich the average Democrat can always "roll as a sweet morsel under his tongue." In other words, accompanying this we send you a quantity of as good whisky as anybody need want. We do not stop to inquire whether this liquor is better or best, we acknowledge no such distinctions; all liquor is good—to a Democrat. This is Fisher's standard article, it is such as Democrats use here, and we trust it will compare favorably with Bascom's favorite brands. We part with it somewhat reluctantly, but are consoled by the thought that you will do ample justice to it.

We send this as your "Christmas gift" to you, the greatest Democratic leader and chieftain of the age—and with it the wish that you may have a merry, jolly old time.

Your admiring friends,

FRANK J. FOSTER, GEORGE WESTCROFT,
H. E. CRAMER, W. H. JOHNSON,
A. VAN TUYL, JNO. H. SHOUP,
H. J. W. FISHER.

Accompanying this was a nale keg. Oh! how eagerly I opened it! I cood not wait for a hammer, but I tore it open with my hands. Enclosed within wuz a jug, a two-gallon jug. Then came a sickenin thot. Wuz this the work uv some Ablishnist feends? Wuz this jug filled with water? Wuz it a gastly joke? Nervin myself and feerin the worst, I pulled the cork. Halleloogy! It wuz whisky, and the best I hev soothed my bowels with for many a day. I am livin on that likker, but it is about out. Wood that that jug wuz like the Widder Cruse's oil, inexhaustible. But it is ever thus. The pleasant things uv this life is evanescent. A jug

uv likker is like frost afore the sun, but a bile stays with yoo a month. It wuz forchinit that it came in a nale keg. Hed the Corners knowd the contents uv that keg, it wood never hev reached me. Sence Bascom hez done away with the credit system, a gallon jug uv likker is suffishent to perdoose a riot.

Follerin this comes this letter:

Phelps, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1880.

P. V. Nasby.—Dear Sir:—I have not the honor of living in Illinois, but I am one of your New York admirers. My sympathies are aroused in your behalf, and as you are expecting a "nale keg" with a jug in it, I take pleasure in sending you the keg, but it contains hard cider—whisky not being in my line. If a Democrat had manufactured it, however, it might have been "apple jack;" but, as I am a Republican Rechabite, it is "apple jelly." I trust you will accept it, and find it so "comforting" and appetising that you will begin the new year a Rechabite.

Hopin to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours truly,
O. L. BIGELOW.

The keg contained a large can uv some kind uv a compound called "apple jelly," the yoose uv wich I don't know. I took it over to Bascom's and traded it for a quart uv his noo whisky, and Mrs. Bascom yoosed it on her table. She sez it is a deliteful thing to hev in the house, and she hez never quit talkin about it. I didn't dare tell her it come from a Noo York Yankee, for she woodent hev yoosed it, and she sposes to-day it wuz made in Kentucky. It don't make any diffrense. I got the quart, and so it wuz uv some yoose.

I am willin to take most anything. If I can't yoose it myself, I kin trade it to Bascom for wat I kin yoose, and so I git a benefit. But the jelly man must not for a moment spose that I kin yoose cider in that shape. It might hev tasted well when I wuz a tender boy, but my stumick hez past that sort uv thing long ago. However, ez it wuz convertible into whisky, I thank him jist the same.

My address is still at the Cross Roads.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Tollable).

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN A REMINISCENCE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Janooary 17, 1881.

Life is like Joseph's coat, made up uv many colors. Red may signify prosperity, gray despair, and black woe. My cheef color, for many yeers, hez bin black. I hev endoored more uv the slings and arrers uv outrageous forchoon than any one man in Ameriky. Life hez never bin to me anything but trubble, my only consolashen bein a naterally strong stumick, wich will hold likker, and a active brain wich manages to keep that stumick supplied. In the matter uv likker I hev no reason to complane, but in everything else I am scarred with disaster.

I wuz meditatin pensively, last nite, on things that hed happened to me in the past. My mind went back fifteen yeers, and I happened to recall a incident that happened to me here in the Corners wich hez a morel to it, wich the world ought to hev the benefit uv.

I hed lived in the Corners a grate many yeers, and ez a matter uv course I owed every citizen in that locality. There may hev bin some men in the Corners wich hedn't my note, but ef there wuz, I hed forgotten em. It is safe to say that my notes uv hand wuz ez common ez

leaves in Vallambrosa, and that to meet a man in the Corners wuz to run the risk uv a dun.

I hed bin in Washington and hed reseeved several hundred dollars from them wich wantid pardons, and wich desired to git the eer uv the President, wich his name wuz Johnson. I wuz prosperous and hed shirts, suthin that my back hed not bin yoosed to for yeers.

On my arrival at Seceshnville stashen I wuz met by Capt. McPelter, who wuz pleased to compliment me on my improved appearance. Sed he:

"Yoo hev bin doin well, I understand?"

"Rayther," I remarked, pullin out a roll uv bills. "I kin buy and sell the Corners now."

"Nasby," sed he, "I want yoo to play a joke on Bascom. Yoo know he holds yoor note for sixty-five dollars. Now, some months ago, he got a noshun that yoo wood never hev the money to pay that note, and he sold it to Deekin Pogram for ten dollars. The Deekin bleeves that in time yoo will come out all rite. We all uv us bleeves ez does the Deekin, and we want to hev a joke on Bascom. I want you to go in to-nite—we will all be there—and rush in and pull out that money, and demand the note, sayin yoo want to pay it. Ez Bascom hezn't the note at all, and ez he sees yoo hev the money to pay it, it will make him the sickest man in the Corners. See? He sold it for $10!"

I saw the pint and agreed to it. Wood that I hed hed more sense. I agreed to do it. McPelter ashoored me that Bascom hed parted with the note, and that it wood be perfectly safe for me to go in and tender the money, ez he cood not possibly take it.

"Then," sed McPelter, "the man wich becoz uv his holdin a monopoly uv the likker biznis in the Corners hez opprest every wun of us, will squirm. We shel see him howl. We shel see him gyrate, and paw and squeel. For to see yoo come in with $65, to pay in full a note wich he sold for $10, will make him the worst Bull uv Bashan that ever wuz seen at the Corners. We will all be there, all uv the frends wich spend money at his bar, and it will be a site. Don't fail us."

And so I, wishin to see the fun, consentid.

At 7 that nite I rushed into Bascom's, and shoor enuff there wuz the entire party, McPelter, Issaker Gavitt, and all uv em, except Deekin Pogram. I walked in with the deliberashun uv a man with capital, and shook Bascom by the hand corjelly. He asked me about the President, and I ansered, ashoorin him that he felt corjelly the support the Corners hed given him, and then winkin at the boys I sed:

"G. W., I am not ez I wuz. I am now in funds. I owe yoo $65. Perdoose the note, and take your dukats."

And then I perdoost eggsactly $65, with the akkumulated interest.

To my surprise, G. W. didn't howl nor do nothin. He smiled sweetly and took the money and countid it, and sed, "Yoo hev figgered the intrest eggsackly," and went to his safe and took out the note, and sed he wuz much obleeged to me, for he really hedn't eggspectid to git it so soon.

There wuz a howl, but it was not from Bascom. I howled. There wuz a laff, but it wuz not at Bascom's expense. The laff wuz onto me. Ther I hed gone and hed paid a note uv $65, with interest in full. McPelter and Bascom hed put up this job on me, and swindled me out uv this money. Ther wuz Bascom with his money in his safe, and ther I wuz out jist that much. It wuz friteful.

And they laft and jeered, and remarkt that inesmuch ez I wuz in frends they wood take suthin with me, and the others wich hed bills come up and demandid payment, and ther wuz trubble all around.

This is why I say that life is a checkered thing, and that one never knows wat or wich to trust. McPelter deseeved me, and Bascom wuz a fool. He hed never sold the note at all, and he hed it all the time, and he said McPelter hed put up a job to collect it. And the wust uv it wuz they succeeded. In that payment ther went out uv me the price uv 650 drinks uv whisky and 1,300 beers. And all for nothin, for the drinks they represented I hed alreddy hed, and cood never hev agin. Sich reminiscences make me sad, and reconcile me to the idea uv dyin. But I swore that I wood live long enuff to get even with him. I hev kep my oath. I owe him this minit over $200, and he never will ketch me agin. I shel never hev $200, and ef I shood, I shood never make it known. That likker is sunk to him forever.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reminiscencin).

MR. NASBY'S STORY OF HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 5, 1881.

I wuz a young man and singlerly averse to work. Work never agreed with me. My prinsiple employment wuz to lay under trees all day and commune with nacher, onless ther wuz a grosery convenyent, with some stranger in it, wich wuz liable to ask the house up to take suthin. I didn't feel the need uv much eggsercise, but wat I needed I cood git at playin seven-up or euker in the grosery I hev menshuned. Shufflin and deelin keerds develops the muscles uv the arm wonderful. Billyards wuz alluz too much for me.

The time cum, however, when it becum necessary to do suthin for a livelihood. I wuz too yung to go into politix, and the old man, my father, he got to that age when it wuz all he cood do to borrer for hisself. He wuz a gittin old, and wuzn't ez strong ez he wunst hed bin. He intimatid to me that the sooner I shifted for myself the better he'd be pleased. Wat cood I do? I hed no perfeshen that wood enable me to live without labor, and labor I woodent.

My father solved the problem. "Marry a widder," sed he—"a widder with a farm, and make her do the work. Yoo are ekal to overseein a farm. Aint yer?"

I remarked that I cood see other men swet without materially fatiguin myself, and that I thot his sejestion a good one. I wood adopt it.

Hard-by wuz the Widder Tompson, wich wuz the owner uv one uv the best farms uv the seckshun. It wuz 200 akers uv good land, well improved and well stocked. She wuzn't eggsactly wat wood be called a handsome woman, and wuz 15 yeers older than me, but I didn't mind that. What cared I that her teeth wuz all out, and that she hed a goiter, and weighed 200 pounds? Wat cared I that she had a habit uv goin about with her stockins down at her heels, and that she considered the time spent in comin her hair ez wastid? She hed a farm, and that wuz enuff for me.

I laid siege to this venerable female, and to my delite found her not averse to a second chance at matrimony. I wuz a helthy young man, and not bad lookin, and looked ez tho I mite run two or three farms to wunst.

She wuz rather lonesome on the farm, and it cost a pile uv money to hire help, and then they needed a man to look after them; and, to make a long story short, she acceptid me, and we wuz yoonitid in the holy bonds uv matrimony.

For a few days I lived in a elysium, watever that may be. I hed the best uv eatin, suthin the Nasby family did not indulge in, and Mrs. Nasby wuz ez complaisant ez a woman cood be. I hed cider to drink, the late Tompson left a good supply uv terbacker, and things wuz a goin ez smooth ez cood be.

The fourth day Mrs. Nasby remarked that we hed hed a long rest, and it wuz time we got about our work.

"Pete," said she, "yoo want to take the oxen this mornin and go and break that lot behind the barn. It must be done to wunst, and shood hev bin done a week ago, but for this marryin biznis."

"Excoose me, Mrs. Nasby," sez I, goin out and layin down under a apple-tree, with my pipe lighted, "breakin ground is not my best holt. This soots better. I didn't marry to break ground."

"What!" she eggsclaimed.

"I merely say that I shall not break ground. My biznis on this farm is merely ornamental. I am willin to go and lay down in the feeld to be broke, and oversee the breakin, pervidid there is a shade-tree under wich I kin lay. But ez for takin hold uv a plow myself, never."

The woman looked at me in a dazed sort of way for a minit. She hed in her rite hand a pale uv soap-suds wich she wuz agoin to pour on the roots uv a grape-vine near me. Without a word uv warnin she histid that buckit uv suds, hot ez it wuz, all over me, and in another second hed me by the hair. It wuz time that I assertid myself. I made up my mind to whale her then and ther, wunst for all, and hevin establisht my sooperiority, hev it all my way, ever afterward.

Assertin one's sooperiority is all well enuff, but yoo want to be shoor about yoor strength, that bein the main pint in any assertin biznis. I riz and grappled her, and found that assertin wuz wun thing, and establishin quite another. In less than a minit that infooriatid and muskeler female hed me on my back, and wuz a makin me bald-headed at a rate wich I never dreamed possible. She tore out my hair by the handfull, she peeled my face in a minit, and in less than four minits I looked like very much like an old-fashioned frigate after an encounter at short range.

"Yoo won't work, won't ye? Well, I guess you will! You'll work on this farm, or ye won't eet. You won't work, won't ye?"

And then, ez ef the thot incitid her to madnis, she tore out wat little hair I hed left, and knocked the last bit uv skin off uv my face, and dragged me out to the lot.

"Ther is the plow, there is the oxen, and there is the ground. Yoo sooperintend! I'll do that end uv the biznis. Git to work, yoo broot, er—"

I saw she wuz in earnest; and I yoked them oxen meekly, and went to work, in the hot sun, and she sot down under a shade-tree and kept me at it, without a minit's rest till nite.

Her soopremacy wuz assertid and established. Whenever I dared to murmur, she wood exhibit a lock uv my hair wich she kept by her, and that wuz enuff. I dared not question her authority.

Two mizrable yeers I spent on that farm—two yeers uv agonizin labor. When she died I diskivered that the place wuz mortgaged for all it wuz worth, and that the money she got for it she hed bequeathed to a neece

uv hern, and I wuz turned out on a cold world, with nothin, 'cept wat I managed to git off the place the nite before I left.

That wuz why I went into politix. After driftin some time, subsistin on wat chance threw in my way nites, I found that men uv my caliber are needed in politix, and that it is a shoorer livin than marryin widders; and I likewise made up my mind that ef I ever shood marry another widder it wood be one wich didn't weigh more than 90 pounds, and that I shood eggsamine the records afore the ceremony wuz pronounst, and see that the farm didn't hev no incumbrance onto it. Eggsperience is the only teacher.

But I never shel do it. Age hez dimmed my ardor, and long eggsperience in borrerin enables me to live in suthin like comfort, ef not in luxury. And then so long ez ther is a Democrisy sich men ez me are in demand; and jist before eleckshuns I am shoor uv enuff to drink, anyhow. I kin alluz pick up enuff to eat, and close are not difficult to come by in a keerlis and confidin kentry. Possibly I hev did ez well ez though the widder cood hev bin moldid to my will.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY.

MR. NASBY INDULGES IN MOURNFUL REFLECTIONS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 13, 1881.

The deed is dun, and the Dimocrisy is squelcht. I did not hev much hopes, but I did ruther expeck that there wood be some kind uv a fracas raised wich wood delay the countin uv the vote, and that, possibly, some informality wood occur wich wood jestify us in declarin Hancock dooly electid, and, ef we didn't seet him, wood give us a eggscoose for howlin frod for another four years, and give the Dimocrisy suthin to stand on.

I hed a hope that our Dimokratic members wood find some way to raise a rumpus, and derange the biznis uv the kentry, so that we cood pint to the Republikin members ez obstructionists and disturbers. I hed a hope that confidence mite be destroyed, and hell raised in some way, that in the general derangement the Dimocrisy mite hev some sort uv a show, and that follerin the rumpus, hard times mite ensoo, hard enuff times to give us a possibility uv electin a jestis uv the peese in a Northern state.

But that dreem is over. Our Democratic members submitted to the will uv the Republicans as meekly ez lambs. They didn't howl about the constitooshen, they didn't object to any countin, they didn't put in no claims uv frod, and they didn't do nothin. They submitted to the majority, and let Garfeeld be counted in without a struggle.

This settles the Dimocratic party. We hevn't the slightest show for next yeer, or four years from now. We hev nothin to go on. Wheat is bearin a good price, and corn is about the same. The farmer hez a good markit for his perdoose, and the mechanic's hammer is heerd in the land. Wages are good and work is plenty. Manoofakters is boomin, and the operatives are a chuckin money into savins banks, and they hev money to chuck. Ther never wuz ez many raleroads bildin, colleckshuns wuz never so good, and biznis is on a solid basis.

And wat is more disgustin, the money is good, the people don't kick about resumpshen, but hev all settled down quietly and eneirely satisfied with the currency.

Wat is the Democrisy goin to do under these distressin circum-

stances? Wat kind uv a show hev we when ther ain't no disasters to pint to ez the result uv radikel rool? Wat hev we got to go on to? Nothin. Ther ain't no yoose demandin a change when the workinman hez a bank account, and the merchant ain't hank erin for change when he is sellin lots uv goods and gettin the money for em. It is we, the Dimocrisy, ez wants a change, and that is wat without some providenshel disaster, we shan't git.

Ther is wher the Dimekratic members wuz remiss in ther dooty. Ef they hed made a fite on the Presidenshel count, and hed throwd the kentry into confooshn, we shood hev hed suthin open to us. They mite hev destroyed confidence and checkt enterprise, and made things onsartin to a degree that wood hev made trouble in the spring, and throwd a lot uv men out uv work, and deprest things to a degree that wood hev given us ground to stand on. But that opportoonity is lost forever, and we are lost with the opportoonity.

Garfeeld will be President, the good times will continyoo, ralerodes will continyoo to be bilt, and farmers will hev a stiddy markit for ther perdoose, and mechanics and labrers will continyoo to hev work, and at good wagis, and be paid in good money, and everybody will be satisfied.

And to make it wuss, there hez bin so much snow this winter that the chances are that there will be a good winter wheat crop, wich will finish us, onless weevle gits into it, and the corn crop is a failyoor.

These things never happen when we want em. To spite the Dimocrisy I make no doubt that next yeer the crops will all be good, and that ther will be sum disturbance in Europe wich will make a good markit for our surplus. Nacher, ez well ez evrything else, is agin the Dimocrisy; why, I hev no hope even uv a epidemic next yeer. I don't suppose ther will be any cholera in the North, nor nuthin uv the sort. We hev yeller fever at the South, but ez this seckshun is solidly Dimocratic, it don't do the Dimocrisy any good.

Well, I kin stand it. Some way will be pervided for me. My wants are few, and I kin live without the postoffis. Corn bred is cheep here, and enuff good-nachered strangers come into Bascom's to keep me in likker. Sometimes when the roads is bad the intervals atween drinks is ruther long, but Bascom sometimes unbends and asks me, and sometimes he gives me a refresher, and goes thro the moshens uv chargin it.

I shel live somehow, even ef the country is prosperus, and the Democrisy are kep out uv power. The Providence that notes the fall uv a sparrer will brood over me. Let the kentry never mind me, but go on and prosper. Ef the kentry kin stand it I kin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (P. M. nevermore).

MR. NASBY DETERMINES TO VISIT THE OLD WORLD

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 4, 1881.

The Yoonitid States is no place for a Dimocrat any more. A radikel general sits in the Presidenshel chair, and a radikel Congris controles the destinies uv the nashen. This Congris hez a feendish delite in tearin open the wounds that time shood hev heeled. It will do nothin to consiliate the South. It will refoose to pass appropriashens for our creeks in the South. It won't levee the Mississippi, it won't bild a custom house and postoffis at the Corners, and, to cap the climax, it refooses to pay $20,-

000 for the papers uv every Confedrit gineral wich is hard up, and to whom $20,000 wood be a blessin.

For me ther ain't no chance watever. The nigger Lubbock will continyoo in the postoffis, and Bigler and Pollock will controle the collectorship. I am left out in the cold for four years, and by that time a postoffis wood be a superflooity, for by 1885 I shel be wher there ain't no mail matter onless ther are fire-proof bags to carry it in. And to make it worse, Hancock won't send me a cent, and English won't ev n anser my letters appeelin for aid.

The Corners held a meetin to determine wat wuz to be done with me. It wuz decided that the burden uv carin for me wuz too heavy to be borne longer, and suthin must be done to ease em up.

A keerful estimate showed that I owed in round numbers suthin over $4,000, wich wuz that much ded loss. Bascom swore a sollum oath that he wood never give credit for a dollar more to me, and that settled it. I didn't care wat they did with me after that.

The prevailin disposishun uv the people wuz to take me out quietly and kill me; but that wuz over-rooled. It wuz decided that ef I wuz permittid to live suthin mite turn up to enable me to pay suthin on the indebtednis, whereas, ef I wuz wunst ded all hope wuz gone.

So they decided that I shood live, but that I must leave the Corners. I sed, "All rite, but how am I to leave? I hev no money, and I absolootly decline to walk, and when I am gone wat am I to live on? These questions must be ansered, or I decline to go. Ef I hev to die, I mite ez well die here, and save the worry uv packin my handkercher with my other shirt."

Then arose a long and tejus discussion. Deekin Pogram remarkt that his dawter Mirandy told him that the Greeshuns hed a habit uv makin ther Helots drunk, so ez to impress onto the minds uv ther sons the horrors uv intempranse. "Why," sed the Deekin, "shoodent we send the Parson to Greese, and put him into the Helot biznis?"

To this I eagerly assentid. I wuz willin to go. Ef they wantid a healthy Helot to illustrate the evils uv intempranse, I wuz the man, and to releeve ther minds I wood say that in this case salery wood be no objick, a stiddy sitooashen bein all that I wood reqwire. I hed no doubt uv bein able to satisfy the Athenians in this pertikeler. Ef the average son uv the average Athenian shood see me when I wuz reely full uv coffin-varnish, I don't think he wood ever vencher to partake uv the flowin bole. Raise the money for the passage, and consider me a Helot for the remainder uv my life. It is singler wat luck some men hev. Why wuz I not born a Helot? Think uv it. To not only hev yoor likker furnisht free, but litrally poured down yoor throte!

This dreem uv bliss wuz roodly disturbed by Capt. McPelter. He sed that ther wuz no question ez to my capassity for the Helot biznis, but the Athenians wuzn't doin that sort uv thing now. Wat Mirandy Pogram referred to wuz practist some thousands uv yeers ago, but at present the Athenians got on without Helots, and illustrated the evils uv rum in ther own persons. The custom wuz an anshent, not a modern one.

Issaker Gavitt perposed that I shood be sent to Noo York, but Bascom pertested to wunst. He remarkt that he'd sent me to Noo York twict but that it wuz no good. I alluz come back. Ded-hed passes cood be procoored too easy, and ef them wuz onattainable, a man cood walk from Noo York to Kentucky. No, ef he wuz to be releeved from this burden, send

him fur enuff away so that a return wood be impossible. He wood prefer to send me to fite the Boers in South Africa, but he mite compermise on hevin me across the Atlantic. Ef he contribited to hevin me sent abrod, he shood insist that it be fur enuff to preclood the possibility uv a return.

It wuz finelly agreed that I shood hev a steerage passage to Liverpool and $10 on wich to live till I cood establish myself.

Therefore I shel go to Europe. I am not displeased with the prospeck. There is no yoose uv my remainin here, for there is nothin in this kentry for me. Ez I sed, the postoffis is hopelis, and there is no oppertoonity for anything else. I shood only be enabled to live here by the chance charity uv friends, and sich contribooshens ez I mite be able to levy on them ez didn't know me.

There is a feeld for me in the Old World. I kin turn to be a Irish patriot, and kin make a decent livin by agitatin the wrongs uv Ireland in Paris. I shel announse myself a agitator, and shel appeal to the Irish in Ameriky for means uv startin a skirmishin fund. I shel not jine the regler agitators, sich ez Parnell and them fellows, but changin my name to O'Nasby, shel take board at the best hotel, and live in gorgeousnis ez long ez the present agitashen goes on.

I kin git to be a organizer uv suffrin labrin men, ef nothin else turns up, tho I think I shood prefer the Irish dodge. Ther never wuz a appeal made to the Irish servant girls in Ameriky in behalf uv the old sod that wuz not librally respondid to, and I kin make a good livin out uv that.

Ther are other pints that are worthy uv considerashen. Likkers is only about a half they are here, and consekently the expenses uv livin is less. Uv course I shel hev to git over my taste for sod-corn whisky, and accustom my stumick to other varieties uv likker, but that I kin do. Ther ain't nothin made in the shape uv likker wich ain't grateful to me. I am a self-made man, but I kin drink in any langwidge. I kin accustom myself to English ale, Scotch whisky, German lager-beer, or French brandy. The effeck uv one is jist the same ez the other, the only reqwisit bein enuff uv it.

I shel make my way to Paris to wunst, and it will go hard with me ef I can't establish myself ther in some way. I turn my back upon the Corners hawtily, only to glad to leave a ongrateful people wich hezn't enuff appresiashen uv greatnis to furnish the triflin means to keep it alive among em. Boston alluz paid Webster's debts, while the Corners eggsiles me!

Be it so. I go, never to return.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggsile).

MR. NASBY REACHES NEW YORK ON HIS WAY.

Noo York, April 3, 1881.

Wunst more my feet is on the hard and stony pavements uv the grate metropolis—wunst more I stand in the city wich the great Tweed wunst rooled, and wich now owns the sway uv the ekally great Kelly.

Retrospecshun don't pay to any alarmin eggstent, but I coodent keep my mind from goin backerd to my early visits to Noo York, in the dark days uv the republic.

I wandered aimlessly up town, and come to the spot where that stanch lover uv freedom and troo Amerikin, Teddy O'Shaughnessy, and me led

the attack upon the nigger orphan-asylum, and burnt that refooge uv the young uv an inferior race.

Teddy is now an alderman, and holds quite a number uv other offises under Tammany, all uv wich is profitable. He wears the largest diamond uv any Tammany man in the city, and his wife hez her kerridge, wich is gorgeous.

A little lower down wuz the corner on wich, the same day, I saw with delite a dozen sturdy patriots under the leedership uv Mickey O'Doolan, hang a nigger to a lamp post, and encurridge their children to throw brix at the suspendid body uv the mizable retch. One child uv tender yeers wich hit the hung nigger square in the head with a brick wuz patted on the head by Mickey, who promptly borrered five cents uv me to give to the child.

"We must encurridge the children," he sed. "We shel pass away and we must hev others to succeed us and kerry on the good work."

Mickey is now organizin land leagues to assist suffrin and opprest Ireland. to make hed agin ther tyranikle oppressors, the English. His speeches in favor uv liberty and ekal rites for all are really tetchin.

Comin further down, I gazed with interest on the Triboon buildin, wich stands wher the old one did wich we tried to mob in '63. I wuz standin sholder to sholder with Patsey O'Brien, and we shood hev succeeded, only we didn't like to face the preparashens that hed bin made to reseeve us. Patsey is a devotid lover uv freedom and ekality, now ez he ever wuz, and is doin double dooty. He is collectin money for two objicks—for the skirmishin fund to liberate Ireland, by the way uv Canady, and to drive the furrin Chinese out uv Californy.

Next I saw the city hall steps, on wich stood that troo patriot now, Ben Butler. He wuz misgidid then, for wich we hev forgiven him, in view uv his recent services in the coz uv freedom in conjunkshen with the Suthern Dimocrisy. It wuz Dinnis M'Grath that threw the apple at him wich the feend then, and patriot now, pared and et while makin a speech to the populis. Dinnis is a skool commishner now, and is very prominent in raisin funds to free Ireland by harrassin England in Canady. He hez gorgus hed-quarters, and he sed the coz wuz gittin on swimminly. The collecksh uns wuz enuff to pay the expenses uv his hed-quarters, with dinners and lunches and wines for the managers. "So long ez we kin live ez we want to," sed he, "there is no question ez to the ultimit liberashun uv Ireland. Wat we want," he continued, "is freedom for all, exceptin, uv course, the dom'd naygur and the furrin Chinayse. The nayger must be tawt his place in the republic, and the furrin Chinayse must go."

Dinnis is gittin on well. He wuz in offis in Noo York afore he hed bin in the kentry six weeks, and he hez kep in offis ever since. He wears a dimund ez big ez a hickry nut, and hez more sympathy for Ireland than any man I know uv. He insists that it is the dooty uv the Amerikin people to rally to the support uv their brethren in the parent kentry, Ireland, and declare war agin England te-wunst. Dinnis is very severe upon Congris, that it is so dilatory in its dooty in this matter.

I met Teddy M'Grath, another hero uv the war period. Teddy made several thousand dollars in the bounty jumpin biznis, and on the strength uv that opened a grosery in the Sixth ward and went into pollytix. He becum chareman uv his ward committy, and got on the gineral committy uv Tammany Hall, and went on from wun thing to another till he accoomolated a million. He is now skool commishner, and alderman, and

on the pleece board, and I don't know all. Teddy is not at all set up, becoz, ez he sez, his is not an indivijjle case, and his good forchoon can't be ascribed to any espeshel merit uv his own. Noo York is the place for Irishmen. There is a vacant place for em here, for the Dimocrisy want em, and every man uv em wich hez power enuff to git into the front rank hez no trouble in gittin on. He sighs for the liberashun uv Ireland, but ef it's all the same he won't go back there. He kin do better here. He never wood hev bin able to drink shampane with his lunch ef he stayed in Ireland—never.

And so it wuz all around. Tweed, under whom I flourished, for a time, hez gone, but Kelly remains, and things hevn't changed very much, nor will they change so long ez there is a Irishman with a vote, and a offis to fill. It don't matter who is at the head, the Irish voter will alluz be at his tail, pickin up the crumbs he throws to em.

There is one trouble about my stayin here. I ain't an Irishman, and consekently am not eligible to any uv the offises wich I am capable uv fillin. Were I a ginooine Irishman I shood never think uv leavin Noo York, but shood go in and be a alderman, or a skool commishner, or a street inspector, and live quietly all my days. But I ain't, and I can't make myself one. I hev called myself O'Nasby, but despite the name there is too much Amerikin about me to make me eligible to anything in Noo York. I show my Amerikin birth every day. I ain't worth nothin in a riot, and at the polls I can't crowd out people and kiver the way for a repeeter wuth a soo markee, and then I hevn't got the rekisit cheek in askin for what I want. Noo York is no place for me. Ef I cood only go to Ireland and be born agin, and emigrait, and land, and vote at the first eleckshun, and do that sort uv thing, it wood do. but I can't. The misforchoon uv my life wuz in bein born on this side uv the water. It makes me ineligible to offis in the city in wich I wood prefer to live to any spot on earth.

When I go abroad I shel not visit Ireland. Ther ain't no manner uv yoese uv it. Ef I want to study the Irish character I kin do it to better advantage in Noo York, for there is more uv em here than in Dublin, and in addishn to this eggslent reason, ther is the better one that ther isn't a dollar to be collectid there for the liberashun uv the Green ile. The landlord gits one half uv wat they hev, and the church the other half. wich leeves mity poor pickin for patriots.

I shel either go to Paris and organise a skirmishin fund, drorin my supplies from Ameriky, where the Irish do git on, or else stay in Noo York and organize my burow here. There is less competition in collectin for Irish liberashun in Paris than in Noo York, for there is more leaders here, but then to offset that ther ain't no Dimocrisy in Paris wich needs the votes and services uv Irishmen. In Paris I shel hev to depend entirely on wat the servant girls and labrers send—in Noo York I kin combine bein an Irish patriot with a ward politishun, thus killin two birds with wun stun. But likker is cheeper in Paris than in Noo York, and therefore life wood be a easier one there.

On the hull, inasmuch ez I hev my tikkit paid for, I guess I will go to Paris. Anyhow I shel hev ten days uv subsistence pervided for on the ship, and the $10 wich the Corners furnisht will buy me likker enuf to sustain me on the passage.

And so in a few days I shel bid my native land farewell, and strike out for pasters fresh. May I hev better croppin there than I hev hed here.

Ef the French partisans want me, or the Irish liberators, may they hev a better appreshiashen uv my services than the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonited States ever had. I don't want to be turned out in my old age like a worn-out hoss, on the world's roadside, to pick the scanty herbage uv a doubtful credit. May the new be better than the old, and may I go down to the grave with a full stumick.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Eggsile).

MR. NASBY ON THE CONKLING TROUBLE.

Noo York, May 8, 1881.

Jist afore plantin my foot onto the deck upon the steemer that bares me from my native shoars, and makes a Irish patriot uv me, in Paris, I must paws, between drinks, to express my delite at the turn things is takin in Washinton.

The "Harp of Erin" s'loon, where I hev bin stayin for some time, wuz a seen uv the widest eggscitement last nite. Teddy M'Grath, wich kin reed, brot us the nooze that the grate Conkling hed determined to stick, and that Robertson's confermashen ez collector uv the port uv Noo York wood be resistid to the bitter end.

Nobody kin imagin the delite that pervadid the entire party.

"This ends the Republikin party," sez Teddy.

"This gives Noo York to the Dimocrisy," yelled Tim O'Shaugnessy.

"And it elex the next Dimocratic candidate for the Presidency, and turns the kentry over to the Solid South," ejackilatid me, with eyes suffoosed with emoshun.

"And with the Dimocrisy in power we shel hev onlimitid greenbax," sed Patsy McGinnis.

"And with the Dimocrisy in power wat chance will the nigger hev uv votin?" sed Capt. McPelter, wich is on here to see that I actilly sale for Europe, and don't git back to the Corners.

"And we shel git the Noo York legislacher, and not be bothered any more about wat Tammany does in the city," yelled Dennis O'Brien.

"And we shel hev controle uv the Treasury and do the squeezin ourselves," sed a red-faced gent, wich wuz drinkin whisky every five minits.

"And we shel hev a Dimocratic Congris, and the appropriashens for the South that we hev waited for so long, and our Confedrit soljers will hev ther pay and penshuns," sed Deekin Pogram, who is here to assist Capt. McPelter in seein that I git away in sich shape that I don't git back.

"And all that the Republikins made by electin Garfeeld will be lost to em, and we shel possess the land," sed a Tammany politishen who jist dropped in to partisipate in the jollificashen.

I sot ther quietly musin, takin my drinks whenever I wuz askt.

"Grate hevins," I sed to myself, "what a world is this! In the words uv the poit:

> "Grate God, upon wat slender threds
> Hang everlastin things."

Here wuz the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonitid States prostrate at the feet uv its foes. So desprit wuz the outlook that I myself hev consentid to be a eggsile, and abandon the old ship in despair. There is great questions involved, wich both parties consider vital. Jist at this juncture there comes up the question uv the appintment uv a collector, and our foes go all to pieces onto it. Wood that I cood back out and git back to the Cross Roads. Ef I kin tide over the next three years that postoffis is mine shoor.

Conklin won't yeeld—the Republikin party will split up becoz it seems that Conklin is all ther is uv it, and our Heaven begins at once. Thus I mused. Thank God for Conklin.

We immejitly passed resolooshens endorsin Sen. Conklin, and ashoorin him uv the support in this struggle uv every one present. We urged him to continner the fite agin the President to the bitter end, and to spare no pains to prevent the confirmashen uv Robertson and all uv Garfeeld's nominashens, and then we went and took down the portrate uv Hancock that wuz hangin on the wall, and put up one uv Conklin in its place, wich we haled with three cheers and a tiger.

It is very plain to see, and it pleases me, that the grate Noo York Senator holds that the Republikin party wuz made for him instid uv his bein made for the Republikin party. It's a good idee. What difference does it make to him anyhow what becomes uv the nigger, the nashnel debt, the tariff, and sich, if he ain't in public life to be floatid by them questions? I wunst knowd a reformer who sot down and cried when slavery wuz abolished.

"Why weep?" asked his friend. "Hevn't yoo accomplished the desire uv your life?"

"Too troo—too troo, but wat am I to git to Congris on, now that I hevn't got no cause? Why coodn't the nigger hev bin kept under till I wuz ready to die?"

The great Conklin hez made an immense fame out uv the causes that go to make up the Republikin party, but ef he can't yootilize its success to his own benefit, wat good is it to him?

He is the kind uv man I like. He hez to hev followers, and he is goin to keep em faithful by keepin em in provender, or he will sink the ship. That's right. Oh how I wish he hed bin a Democrat. Hed he bin one uv us, I wood not now be on the eve uv making a eggsile uv myself. His rallyin cry, "The spoils or death," soots me eggsackly.

I shel never git over lovin these independent Republikin Senators. A independent Senator is one wich firmly beleeves in Republikin prinsiples, but alluz votes with the Dimocrisy to show that he is reely independent and can't be controled by party cawcusses and sich.

In view uv these complicashens I don't want to go to Europe at all. Ef the great Senator from New York keeps on ez he hez begun, my chances are much better at home. Better a postoffis in Kentucky with a shy at contrax than to be a Irish patriot abroad.

And ef this fite goes on in the Republikin party we shel hev it ez shoor ez time rolls on.

But inesmuch ez Conklin may be left after all, I shel wate. The wise man is never in a hurry. I shel wait and see.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Hopeful).

"NASBY IN EGGSILE."

The following five letters were written in the "Nasby" style, by Mr. D. R. Locke, when in Europe. During the same trip, he wrote for The Blade a series of letters (not with the "Nasby" eccentricities of spelling) which were afterward embodied in the volume, "Nasby in Exile."

London, (wich is in England,)
Jooly 1, 1881.

Yesterday I received the follerin epissle from the Corners;

To the Rev. P. V. Nasby:

Come back; the Corners relent. You shall have all the liquor you want, and the citizens will see that you have proper food and raiment. The new shirts are making for you now. We want somebody to read the news for us. We are in total ignorance of what is going on. Come back. We enclose money to pay return passage. Come back for us. Come back for Dimocrisy.

ELKANAH POGRAM,
Chairman Committee.

I hev bin expectin this for some time. The note wuz written by some stranger within their gates, for no man at the Cross Roads, except Bascom, kin write, and he only jist enuff to keep his books. Since he located in the Corners he hed to learn to do this, and I must say he hez hed a heap of experience.

The money they send me I shel keep for the present, but I hurl back their bribe uv shirts with scorn. Wat is two shirts to me, in London, where they dry their shirts upon lines on the tops uv the houses? Do they think I am too old to climb? Am I like Raleigh, wich remarked, "Fain would I climb, but that I fear to fall?" Tho bowed down with the weight uv sixty yeers, I would climb the Alps at midnite, were there a clean shirt on the summit.

And then wat is shirts, anyhow? The shirt is the most yooselis uv garmence. It is not warm, and the cloth in it is in the way. I wear em only in deference to an absurd requirement uv our modern civilizashn. They are purely artifishl. I never saw an Arab, or any other child uv nacher with a shirt on. With a vest cut to the throte, and a paper collar, wat does a man need uv a shirt? Ask the travelin actor--ask the song-and dance men. Two shirts, forsooth!

I shel not go back to the Corners—not much. I am too well sitooatid her to make any change, and espeshly to go back to a place wich hez bin tryin to git shut uv me for yeers, and wich hed no more appreshiashn uv me than to finally succeed. They hev at last ascertained how troo the line:

Blessins briten as they take their flite."

I am glad I left, ef for no other reason than to show these barbarians wat they lost in me.

I am at present in London tryin to make up my mind whether to stay here and become an English patriot, or to go to France and become an Irish one. Ther is so much to be sed on both sides that I find it difficult to deside. Ef it wuz certin that the Irish agitashen wood keep up, I think I shood go to Paris, but unforchnitly there never wuz a Irish movement yit that wuzn't immejitly sold out by the leaders. Ez a rool, after a insurrecshun wuz fannd into decent proporshens, ther immejitly occurred a foot-race among the leaders to see wich cood git to London to sell it out first. Ther iz no doubt but that I kin make a good thing uv it by organizin myself into a skirmishin fund, or a releef fund, or most anything uv the kind, and hevin the Irish servant girls and day labrers in Ameriky send me contribushens, but when this present movement dies out, where am I?

On the other hand, I never saw better material for a party uv reform, simeler to the Dimokrisy in Ameriky, than there is here in London. There is oshens uv material here, Atlantics and Pacifics uv it. There is more gin-mills to the square acre than I ever seen afore, and wat makes it better, they are crowded all the time. There is Irish here, more than in Noo York even, and the fact that they are not put upon skool-boards, and

onto the poleece force the minit they come over, and onto the Board uv Aldermen and other places the same ez in Noo York, makes em discontented and unhappy. They are ripe for a movement that wood give em the control uv London, the same ez they hev in Noo York, and all they want to commence a demonstrashen for the heaven-born rites uv every Iri h-man, is a leader bold enuff to hed em, and skillful enuff to organize em.

Am I that man ? Ef so, there is for me patent-leather boots, rooms at a first-class hotel, shampane and Havana cigars, the same ez the Iri h leaders in Ameriky. Ef so, there is a carriage at the door, with a liveried coachman on the box, and a flunkey in livery behind, the same ez all men who strike manly blows for the poor and opprest uv every land. Ef so, there is nights uv luxury and days uv ease, wich is proper for the champions uv the starvin Irish, and the opprest Celt. I see porter-house steaks, and the wines uv France in this kinduv a croosade for the down-trodden. I should like to hev a flunkey to kick and aboose. I would be a champion for most any variety uv ekality for that blessed privilege.

And then, the gin-drinkin English hisself ain't sich bad material for a reform party. They can't repeat at elections with the facility uv an Irishman, but they hev excellent voices for shoutin, and they cood carry banners in percessions a great deal better. They are a stiddyer people, and not so eccentric. They hev their grievances, ez I know. None uv em are Dooks and noble Earls, and none uv em hev an account at the Bank uv England. There is a great mass uv em wich decline to be slaves and serfs, and wich spend the heft uv their time lookin out uv the doors and winders uv the publics (that wat they call a bar room over here,) and rail at the forchoon that gave the shop-keeper his snug shop and comfortable house, and compels them to a life uv privashen, and they sit in the Pubs bewailin their forchoon and railin at the system that keeps them down, till 12 at nite, when a tyrannikle law compels a closin uv the places.

But wat they lose by the early closin uv the Pubs they make up by early comin, as they are there the moment the shutters are down in the mornin. The wives uv these patriots ginerally do washin. They wood work, themselves, but they hevn't time. Affairs uv state consoom all their energies.

Ther is rather too much uv this element for me. All of these men want to be leaders, and, I persoom, wood demand a share uv the colleckshuns for the sacred coz uv hoomanity, wich wood divide it up too much, but I rather think I shood git my share. It's a cold day when I git left.

Still there ought not to be too many leaders. Ther is danger in divided councils, the same ez ther is in divided money. A few leaders and a great many contributors is the proper thing for a great movement for the rites uv man and the ameliorashen uv the condishen uv the down-trodden. Ther can't be too few leaders or too many contributors. In sich a croosade I wood be willin to assoom the dooties uv president, secretary, treasurer and board uv controle. When I hed a popler movement I give my whole time to it.

England is a kentry pekulierly favorable to popeler uprisins. Ther is a great deel uv wealth here--a great deel. The shops are stufft with valuable goods, and the banks are gronin with coin. It is coin they hev here It isn't Confederit paper, wich wuzn't worth cartin home, or even greenbax, wich a patriot in 1863 hed to steel at 33 cents on the dollar.

When it comes to a popeler uprisin, there are ruther too many so soljers about for comfort, wich are the hirelins uv royalty. But let the mob

take the proporshens uv the riot in Noo York in 1863, and it wood be singler ef the lovers uv hoomanity didn't git away with enuff to pay em for the trouble. There is a wilderness uv wealth here. The field is ready for the harvest. I shood like amazinly to git my sickle in.

Wat I shel do I don't know. Ez it is, I am restin on my oars, and keepin a weather eye out for wat may turn up. I am very comfortably situoated, and am in no hurry. The landlord uv wich I rent my rooms appears to be satisfied without askin for money (my valise looks full) and I hev established a credit at three or four public houses, and the same number uv eatin houses. Livin is very high here, but it makes no espeshel difference to me. Ef they charge it, I am just ez well satisfied to let em charge librally. It does em good, I suppose, to take advantage uv a unsoffistikated Amerikin, and ef it's any comfort to em, why let em hev it. When they git through chargin it's a easy matter to move to another quarter and do it over again.

The beauty uv London is it's so large that a man uv my time uv life can't begin to eggshaust his credit in it. Were I a young man and intended to stay in London, I shood look out for some provishn for old age, but at sixty wat's the yoose? I can't expect to live more than twenty yeers more, and probably not that, for the change from bourbon whisky to British brandy hez hed a renchin effect upon me already. But shood I live twenty years, I can't hop to possibly eggshaust credit in a city uv four millions uv people. Ef I do, then my tongue hez forgot its cunnin, and my rite hand will no longer cleave to anything.

I must confess that I don't like the average Englishman. I hevn't made the acquaintance uv any Dooks or Baronets yet, nor hev I basked in the smiles uv royalty, but I hev tried to make the acquaintance uv the better class uv commoners. They are a very hawty and reserved class uv people. There isn't that freedom, that delightful loosenis, wich you eggsperience in Kentucky. I slapped one uv em on the shoulder the other day in a public, and he was actilly offended at it. And another uv whom I tried to borrer five pounds actilly hed the cheek to refoos me on the flimsy ground that he hedn't knowed me long enuff! That wuz the precise reason why I expectid to git it. Hed he knowed me longer, he never wood lend me at all.

There is another trouble about startin a party for reform, based upon the eternal ekality uv man and human rites. We hain't got but few niggers here, and that few are looked upon ez good men ez the whites, ef they behave theirselves ez well. Consekently we hevn't got nobody to look down upon, wich is alluz a necessity in a party uv reform, based upon the ekality uv man. In Ameriky the down-trodden Irishman, pantin for freedom and ekal rites, hed the nigger to oppress, and the delite uv hevin somebody lower down, wuz wat kep him troo to the Dimekratic party. But ez we hevn't no nigger here, I can't think uv anybody to substitute for him, but doubtlis we shell find one, even ef I hev to import him.

On the whole, I rather think I shell stay here and try to organize an ekal rites party in opposishun to the bloatid aristocracy. Ef I don't succeed I kin go to Paris and organize myself into an Irish Buro, there. Troo, the present trouble may die out, but wat ef it does? The Irish alluz hez a greevance, and ef they don't know uv one, I kin furnish it for em. Anyhow the Irish in Ameriky will alluz contribit to a skirmishin fund, to say nothin uv funds for blowin up goverment bildins in English cities. A patriot, sich ez I am, kin alluz manufacter a coz.

I don't like France altogether, for I am told they drink nothing but wine there, and besides the French people don't know that they are oppprest and down-trodden. Ef the Irish skeem shood fail, I might stir up the French to a sense uv their wretched condishn, but wine ain't a good drink for that biznis. It's altogether too mild.

For patriotic purposes I hev found no liquid better than English gin. It is a beverage that is eminently calculated to perdoose discontent with the eggsistin order uv things, no matter what they may be. A gin drinker alluz wants suthin else. In this respect it lays all over Amerikin whisky, no matter how bad it is. London is cleerly my feeld.

Go back to the Corners with these golden prospex openin up before me! Go back to the Cross Roads and endoor Bascom's refoosals for credit, and Dekin Pogram's refoosals to lend, and the terrors uv unassuaged thirst, and uv unappeased hunger, when I kin hed a Irish insurrecshun, and sell it out to the bloatid aristocracy uv England, and be a dook or suthin uv the sort, and hev a estate uv my own! Go back to the Corners and read the noose for mere whisky, and that given grudgingly and in insuffishent quantities! Not much!

Come back for the sake uv Dimocrisy! Wat hez Dimocrisy ever done for me? Wat hez Dimocrisy ever done for anybody? Mick Lellan is the governor uv mere Noo Jersey, Seymore is languishin on his farm, or deliverin addresses afore cheese societies, Thurman is foolin with monetary conferences, appinted by a Republikin, Hancock is onto Governor's Island wonderin whether the tariff is a nashnel or lokle question, and why he wuzn't electid, and I—I am in London, a eggsile, a stranger on a furrin shoar, known only to a few public house keepers, and they will soon wish they hed never the honor uv my acquaintance. Ef the Dimocrisy can't survive without me, Dimocrisy may ez well order its coffin. I will write its epitaf gladly.

Why, I hev even lost interest in Amerikin politix. I laft wen I heard that Sherman had sed that the tax onto whisky wood pay the nashnel debt, and even the assassinashen uv Garfeeld did not move me, tho I saw into it the prospeck uv another A. Johnson. Go back to the Corners? Not any Corners for me.

"Far more troo joy the Nasby eggsiled feels,
Than Bascom with the Corners at his heels."

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Reformer and Patriot).

MR. NASBY'S LONDON EXPERIENCES.

London, (wich is in England,)
Jooly 20, 1881.

I hev not ez yet made up my mind what to do with myself, and don't keer to ez yit. I hev some remnants uv the money wich the Corners sent me, and I hev noo lodgings, tho I hev met with temprary embarassments. I never yit hed a epock that didn't bring with it temprary embarassments. My life hez bin one ov embarassments, and probably alluz will be.

The trubble this time, wuz ez yoosual, with my landlord. For two weeks he hez bin annoying me about payin for my apartmence (it's only one small room, but I do ez other tourists do, and call em apartmence, for it sounds more solvent when you want credit at eatin houses), and finally he got impedent about it. To spare my feelins and prevent him from actooally insultin me, I lit out one nite, gittin away without loss uv

baggage. Indeed I ain't shoor but wat two uv his shirts and a pare ov his trousers got into my carpit-bag. My washin gits mixed with others frekent.

However, it didn't make much diffrence. The increest size and fullnis uv my bag enabled me to git better quarters, ez it inspired confidence. The man uv resources alluz turns evil to good, and extrax benefits from wat to others wood seem misforchoons. I am wunst more very comfortably fixed, and hev established myself in jist ez good eatin houses and public houses, ez before.

I hev hed a noshun of turnin aristocrat myself. I can't imagine anything more deliteful than to be a dook, and hev a castle in the kentry, and a residence in town, with lots uv money back uv it, and servance and things. There is nothin better, cept it mite hev been a planter in Ameriky in the old times, in the South. He come the nearest to it, uv any bein on earth.

These people toil not, neither do they spin. They hev more money then they know what to do with, andthey spend a life uv ease and luggsury, and retire under a marble monument when they die. I shood like to be a dook the rest uv my life.

It woodent be at all inconsistent with my previous record, nuther. The soshel skeem uv England is made up uv several classes. There is the nobility wich wuz born to rank, the rich men wich made money and want to be noblemen, the tradesmen, wich live on the nobility and hopes to be rich men, the poor labrin clases wich drinks gin and beer—gin when they kin git it, and beer when they hev to.

There is no clashin between these classes. The nobleman is content with his stashen, ez well he may be, and lives off his tenants, the tradesman is content to live off the nobility, and the labrin man can't help hisself, and so long ez he hez suthin to eat and drink, goes on content. He knows he can't help hisself, and he don't let things worry him at all. When he votes he does it for gin, for he knows no matter who gits into power it's all the same to him—he will hev to work jist ez hard and for jist ez little for one party ez for the other.

That's why ther ain't much hope uv foundin a reform party in England, that is, out uv the English. They ain't got no greevances, and yoo can't make em bleeve that they are opprest and down-trodden.

I asked a tailor ef de didn't know that he wuz a serf, a down-trodden victim uv oppression, and ef he wuzn't reddy to strike a manly blow for the ameliorashun uv his condishn.

The low sperited cuss anserd that he hedn't thot about it, but ef he wuz actilly a slave he wuzn't aweer of it.

He wuz doin very well, thank yoo. He workt pretty hard, but ef he wuz tin his family tollably well.

"Yoor a patriot, ain't yoo?" sez he. "I've seen em afore. Don't ask me to make yoo a soot up close and send em around. I did that wunst."

I askt him whose ground he wuz on, and wat rent he paid.

"The Dook uv Bedford owns all this seckshun."

"Are yoo willin to pay triboot to a bloated aristocrat, all yoor days?" I asked.

He ansered that inasmuch ez he didn't own no ground, and didn't want to, and ez he wood hev to pay rent to somebody anyhow, he coodent see that it made much difference who he paid it to. His Grace was a liberal landlord, and he got a deal uv work out uv him, yeer in and yeer out, and he

hed ez soon pay triboot to him ez to John Smith, and ruther, for the Dool wuzn't so grindin ez a great many others wich wuzn't Dooks, and he se "good mornin," and went on cuttin cloth ez tho he didn't keer to con tinyoo the conversashun.

Wat kin a lover uv his kind like me do, when this insensibility to op preshn obtanes among all classes? It is discouragin. It looks ez tho shood hev to continyoo shiftin my lodgins dooring my entire stay.

I approacht others on the subjick but found em all too busy to conside their woes, except the patriots which spend all their time in the publics and they ain't no meat for me, for they are all in the same biznis. Whe these mercenary wretches found that I wuz not payin for likker, bu eggespectid to hev my likker paid for, they avoidid me ez they wood a pesti lencz. They all agreed that England wuz down-trodden, and groanin un der a despotism, but they cooden't indoose the opprest people to back en up in a effort to strike off their manacles.

I shel shortly visit Ireland, and investigate the people on ther nativ soil. I hev hopes ther, for I know the Irish in Ameriky, and they mak splendid patriots there. I never knowd one uv em wich woodent take offis within two weeks uv his landin, and I never heerd uv one wic woodn't hev delited in ownin a nigger, when niggers, cuss em, were to b owned, and wich woodent git all ther wuz to be got out uv em. They lov Ameriky and they ought to. Ther ain't no other kentry on earth whe they kin git into offis in less than six months, and consider themselves ill used ef they are kept out that time.

A few uv us Irish patriots held a convenshun last nite at the "Star o Erin" public house, to determine wat to do in the present emergency. M O'Shaughnessy remarkt that the emergency wuz grave. Things wuz comi to a crisis with Ireland. He wuz eight weeks in arrears for his lodgins and most of the public houses hed refoosed him credit. He was draggi out a precarious eggsistence, and the trouble wuz that Erin wuz not or ganized. It wuz discouragin to a patriot. He hed bin in London six month tryin to organize, but all the money that wuz comin from Ameriky wu goin to a lot of agitators wich he did not know, and he (O'Shaughnessy wuz allowed to langish in lodgings and wuz liable to be turned out an minnit. He hedn't even the price uv a glass uv gin about his person. Hov cood Ireland be liberated when her cheef sperits wuz bein so treated?

Mr. McFinnegan remarkt that ther wuz organizashen enuff, but i wuzn't the rite kind. The money collectid in Ameriky went to the Pari burow, and wuz not applied to the releef uv the really sufferin Irish. H (McFadden) wuz a Irishman, a descendent uv Irish Kings ez every tro republikin Irishman wuz, and he wuz in want uv the common necessarie uv life. He wuz compelled to drink water, for not a dollar hed bin sen to him. He hed more than half made up his mind to abandon his kentry t its fate, and go into the patriot biznis in South Ameriky. He who wood b free himself must go down into his own pocket. How cood Ireland eve hope to be free from the infernal rool uv the Saxon, when her champion were compelled to live on chance invitashens to drink and sleep unde arches?

The sekretary of the meetin then red a report showin the utter distres and destitooshen uv the people uv all the counties in Ireland, and made stirrin speech in favor uv organizin committees to collect money for thei releef.

Rev. Father Muldoon happened to drop in and he cheered us all ver

much by reportin that the collections in Ireland uv money for Catholic colleges in Ameriky, for the education uv the priesthood, wuz progressin favorably. The amount given by the people for this purpose wuz ez much ez last yeer, despite the distrest condishn. The Pope hisself hed exprest his satisfaction at the devoshen uv the Irish people to the Holy church.

Shamus O'Brien begged leave to say a few words. He hed jist returned from Ameriky, wher he hed bin among the Irish. He found em all prosperous, ez a rool, and dooin well, the natives uv that city acceptin their rool without a murmur. His sejestion for the releef uv Ireland wuz to take the money wich wuz collectid and use it in sendin to Ameriky ez many Irish people ez possible, killin two birds with one stun. Those who wont wood be made comfortable, and emigrashen wood so lessen the number uv laborers in Ireland ez to compel the landlords to give em better terms. Then he wood—

He wuz immejitly interruptid by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Mr. O'S.'s blood biled at the sejestion. Ef the half uv Ireland wuz sent to Ameriky and the half that remaned wuz made comfortable, what wood become uv agitashen? Ef agitashen ceased what wood become uv us? To yoose money in that way wood be to stop agitashen for the rites uv man, and redoose the champions uv freedom in Ireland to he didn't know wat. Never. He wood stand and defy England so long ez the Irish in Ameriky wood contribit funds that he mite give his whole mind to it, and wood never lower the banner uv freedom' till they stopped contribittin. A descendant uv Irish Kings, he wuz too much uv a friend uv ekality to do anything else. Suffrin Ireland wuz necessary for the spread uv democratic government, and any sejestion to stop that suffrin wuz a stab at the very vitals uv the holy coz.

Mr. O'Brien—But ye're goin to raise money for the good uv Ireland, ain't ye? Wat are yoo goin to do with it?

Mr. O'Shaughnessy—Agitate—here and in Paris. Ireland must be free—in time.

Mr. O'Brien—Starvashen will liberate em.

Then I interposed. I remarked to Mr. O'Brien that starvashen waz wat we wuz tryin to guard agin—starvashen uv the assosiashen and the subcommittees, to wich we shood allow a reasonable per centage uv the collecksbuns. Wuz we not Irishmen, and entitled to releef? Without funds ther cood be no agitashen, and agitashen wuz the only remedy for Ireland's woe. We are the agitaters, and yoo musn't muzzle the ox that treads the corn.

Mr. O'Brien remarked that he cooden't see it that way, that he rather thot it wood be a good thing for Ireland ef the asosiashen shood starve to death. And he left the room announsin his determinshen to collect money enuff, hisself, to send over a dozen families anyhow, and releeve that number, shoor.

I never saw sich a impracticable man. He is a brick mason with a good biznis, and he will actilly do wat he sez, and thus divert money from us. We shel ishoo a cirkeler denounsin him ez a Englishman in disgise, and warnin the Irish in Ameriky agin him. We can't permit ourselves to be interfered with.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Agitator.)

P. S.—This mizable O'Brien hez actilly gone and organized a sosiety uv Irish mekanics and merchants in London, callin it an "Emigrashen Aid Sosiety," and with no pay for any uv its offisers, and hez actilly got money enuff together, wich they mostly give theirselves, to send a dozen families

to Ameriky. The families hev actilly gone, they hev contractid with steamship company to take em, and the English are contribbitin to e freely, and all this while collecshuns for the releef uv Ireland by agitashe come in very slowly.

I am almost discouraged. Mr. O'Shaughnessy and I hev determine on aggressive messures to stir up the Irish. We shel commence blowin u government bildins in England, ef we kin enlist darin men to undertak the work. That will show that we are in deadly earnest, and will, doub less fetch funds in plenty. Suthin must be done. My new landlord pr sented his bill last nite and insists upon immejit payment. It is teju movin so often.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY ORGANIZES BY HIMSELF.

London, (wich is in England),
August 1, 188

The trouble with Irish agitashen is, all the agitaters wants to be Brigadier Generals and none uv em privates. They remind me uv a enterpris we went into when I wuz a boy. We had a Thespian Sosiety, and determined to play Macbeth. The boys agreed to vote, and whichever ha the majority should play Macbeth. When the ballots were taken out u the hat it wuz found every boy hed jist one vote for Macbeth, an every girl just one for Lady Macbeth. Now Macbeth played with half th company ez Macbeth and the other half ez Lady Macbeth wood be a start lin spektikle, but the public wouldn't like it, and so the society dissolve and the debt onto it remains to this day.

Almost everything I wuz ever connectid with hez a debt onto it, remain in to this day. It is fate.

Precisely so with our League. We got along very well—in fact I neve saw sich enthoosiasm among a set uv men ez we displayed. O'Shaughness wuz blood-thirsty, Mick Fadden wuz even more than that, and Finnegan-well, Finnegan could not restrain hisself at all. We yoosed to keep in ses sion all the time, and every half hour we'd rise and swear to devote ou lives, our honor, and our sacred forchoons to the crushin out uv Englan and the liberashen uv our native country.

Mick Fadden wood pace the floor by the hour, and wring his hand and wonder how long Ireland would hev to endoor the tyranny uv Eng land, and shriek, "Wood that the time for strikin the final blow wuz come.

Then the rest uv us wood soothe the eggscited man, and show him tha he must curb his impashence and bide his time,—(Irish agitaters are tremer jus on bidin ther time—it's a part uv the profeshn) — that nuthin cood b done till we had funds, that to rush into the conflick onprepared wood b to invite defeat, and he wood sit down gloomily and mix hisself a glass u Irish whisky, and grit his teeth, and drink it, and be restored to a camm state uv mind.

From the first cirklers we ishood contribushens come in ruther slowl but ther wuz enuff to keep us in a state uv comparative comfort. W hed ez yit made no organizashen and every one opened the letters az the come from the postoffis, ez he could git holt uv em, and put the conten into his own pockit. I ruther think I got my sheer, tho I notist with di gust thet O'Shaugnessy wuz very indstrious and ruther active in the co about the time uv the delivery uv the mail.

At all evence I determined to hev a regular organization, and hev th sacred coz run on suthin like biznis principles. They all agreed. Ever

nan uv em swore he wuz devotid entirely to the sacred coz, and that he. vood serve it in any capassity. He wantid to be the humblest uv Eng- and's assailance and Ireland's defenders. He wuz willin to fill an unknown nd unhonored grave—all that he desired wuz to be put somewhere where e could serve Ireland.

I nominatid Mr. O'Shaugnessey ez permanent President.

Mr. O'Shaugnessey peremtorily declined. Shood he take that position t wood look ez tho he wantid honors. No! he wantid some place uv danger, ome place where there wuz work to do.

Mr. Mick Fadden declined the Presidency and so did Mr. Finnegan. Fin- ally Mick Fadden sejested that the organizashen shood be ez follows:

President—Mr. O'Nasby.

Vice President—Mr. O'Shaugnessy.

Secretary—Mr. Finnegan.

Treasurer—Mr. Mick Fadden.

He wuz willin to assoom the arjusdooties of openin the letters and re- eevin and disbursin the funds. Wat he wantid wuz to work for the coz.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy objectid. He felt that he was better fittid for the ffis uv Treasurer. He had eggsperience in finanshel matters, and needed he arjus work uv reseeving and disbursin to keep himself in trainin for he great evence that wuz to foller. He shood be treasurer.

Mr. Finnegan wantid to know ef the old story wuz to be repeatid? Jist n the verge of success wuz we to fail by dividid councils, and by wrong elections? He wuz the only man uv the four wich wuz fitted for that posi- hen and he shood consider the coz ez lost ef any one else wuz put into he place. For the sake uv Ireland, by the memory uv her wrongs, he mplored the organization to paws afore they put anybody else in it.

At this pint I ariz. I hoped that no sich wild councils would prevail. Ez one thoroughly and entirely devotid to Ireland, I felt compelled to ay that ther wuz but one of the four competent to fill the place of Treas- rer. This was no time for false modesty. This wuz no time for hangin ack, and shirkin the performance uv sacred dooties. Abandonin my habi- ooal reserve, I wood say that uv the four I was the exact man for that lace. I did not doubt the patriotism uv O'Shaughnessy, the zeal uv Mick Fadden, of the enthusiasm uv Finnegan, but when it come to open letters ontainin remittances from servant girls and labrers, and takin charge hereof, I laid over the deck.

Sighin ez I did for the liberashun uv Ireland, groanin ez I did habitually or her wrongs—no man had ever did more groanin—I hed often got up in he middle uv the night to groan over Ireland's wrongs—I cood not bear to ee her coz wrecked by incomptency or inefficiency in so important a place. cood open more letters in a minit than any wun uv em, two to one, ez I ied a combined paper knife and letter opener, which I hed purchist with my wn money and hed not charged to the assosiashen. I wood serve Ireland y being Treasurer uv the Assosiashen.

Then come a wild scene uv disorder. We all wantid this posishen and he upshot uv it all wuz the Assosiashen broke up in a row, and dissolved.

Every man uv us made a rush to the Post Offis to secoor wat letters vuz there, for each uv us considered the others hed sinister desines and vuz actooatid by mersenary motives.

I have abandoned these men, and organized myself into a assosiashen. have a list uv offisers, all with good Irish names, but I put onto my circk- ers, very carefully, this line: All contribooshens to the sacred coz must be

sent direct to Mikael O'Nasby, Treasurer. The others hev also organized theirselves into assosiashens, but ez I got my circklers out first I shel hog in the first harvest.

Finnegan, by the way, coodent organize hisself ez he didn't hev money enuff about his person to pay for printin. He hez failed for lack uv capital. He tried to borrer uv me, but I laft him to skorn. Lendin ain't my best holt.

I hev excellent ground now to go on, and I shel succeed beyond a doubt. The specific objick to which the funds I arise is to be applied is the purchis uv gun cotton and clock-works to be put onto English steamers in all parts uv the world. I am determined by the help uv the patriotic servant girls in Ameriky to entirely destroy the British mareen. Do away with the soopremacy uv England on the sea, and she is gone. Her ships are her strength. Destroy them ships, and England is ez weak ez Sampson wuz after his head wuz shorn. I will be England's Delilah.

Uv course there will be a frightful loss uv passengers, and most uv em will be Amerikins, but war is war. Yoo can't free Ireland without bloodshed, and so that the contribushens are libral enuff I don't keer who is killed.

However, onless money comes in much faster than I eggspect, the loss uv life from this enterprise won't be alarmin. It costs a great deal for a agitater to live in good style in London, and my eggspences will, of course, come out first.

I saw a Dook to-day in his Dookal carriage surrounded by his minyuns. Possibly, when the British Government knows who I am and what my fell purpus is, it will offer me a Dookdum to desist. England hez ginerally suppressed Irish uprisins by buyin up the agitaters, and who knows but that I may yet be the Dook Nasby, and hev carriages and flunkies? More singler things than that hev happened. "Dook Nasby!" It hez a pleasant sound. In the hope of it, I shell labor incessantly to make myself a terror to England.

I trust I shel begin to reseeve offers from the Government in about four weeks.

MIKAEL O'NASBY, (Agitator Perfeshnel).

MR. NASBY GOES TO IRELAND.

London, (wich is in England,)
September 10, 1881.

I hev bin over to Ireland, and made a persnel inspeckshn uv the situashen there. I did this partly to inspire my pen, and partly becoz I wuz tired uv London and wanted a change, and the Servant Girl's Yunyun, of La Porte, Injeany, havin sent in $20 to the skirmishin fund, I hed the means to do it. Elijer wuz the fust one wich wuz fed by ravins, but I am the last. The Irish servant girls in Ameriky is my ravens, and I keep my mouth ei wide open ez Elijer did hisn. I hope his ravens wuz ez regular as mine are

I did not see much uv Ireland, ez the leadin agitators hed a meetin in Cork to see ef 'twasn't possible to compromise our differences, and pool our ishoos. O'Shaughnessy, O'Brien, Mick Finnegan and myself wuz all present, and we all agreed that no effort for the liberashen uv Ireland cood be successful onless we cood hev one common point to wich contribooshens to the skirmishin fund cood be sent from Ameriky. We decided that it was better to hev one centrel buro than it wuz to hev five, and that our name,

oonited, wood probably extrack more material resources from the girls han ez tho we kept separate, and each patriot actid on his own hook.

But the same old trouble occurred. We wuz the most generous and elf-sacrificin patriots in the world, ez to the offises uv real honor, sich ez he Presidency, but when it come to the tresurership, the handlin uv the unds, each man insisted that he wuz the precise one to fill that place. We ied been interdoosed to each other and ther wusn't that confidence thar hat made yoonyun possible.

I finelly told em that onless I cood be tresurer uv the combinashen I hood continyoo to free Ireland on my own basis. "I am reseevin now an verage uv seven dollars a day."

The rest uv em groaned at the menshun of this sum. "Poor Ireland!" ighed O'Shaughnessy, "the most my burow hez ever got wuz four, and wo and a half wood be a fair average. It scarcely keeps me in board, cloze nd likker. How kin Ireland ever expect to be freed on these terms?"

I rebooked Mr. O'Shaughnessy. I told him while board and cloze and ikker wuz good things, that when wun wuz engaged in resistin tyranny, trop patriot cood git on without the board and cloze. But com wat may, hed devotid myself to Ireland and wuz willin to serve the combined assoiation ez tresurer. Ef that wuzn't agreeable I shood keep on with my verage of seven dollars a day. Ez they woodn't consent to this the meetng dissolved.

Divided counsels hez ever bin the rooin uv Ireland.

I am writin a new sirkler to send to Ameriky, wich I think will bring he skirmishing fund any quantity uv money. I hev hed made, out uv the ast instalment I reseeved, picters uv my new infernal machine. It's an ngenious masheen, one uv my own invenshun. I hev clock work propelled y a spiral spring, connected with a pistol barrel, wich is loaded with a air charge uv gunpowder, and the barrel filled to the muzzle with gunotton. This is put in the center of a box containin dynamite, and the box s placed in the center uv a barl uv any kind uv merchandise and is then hipped in British steemers from Noo York. It won't do to ship it in teemers that leave this side, for every wun uv em hev in the steerage 400 r 500 Irish emigrants, and we don't want to blow them up. It is desirable o preserve ther lives so that they kin work in Ameriky and earn money, nd send it to us patriots wich is engaged in freein Ireland. But in steemrs comin back it is quite different. Ther is very few Irish comin from Amerky to Ireland, for ez soon as they land in Noo York they git into polytix, nd git onto the poleece force, and cum to be skool commishners and sich, nd they can't spare the time to come back. The passengers on the steemrs from Noo York to England are toorists, wimmen and children, and sich, nd to blow them up woodent damage the agitaters at all.

This clock-work runs five days, blowin up the steemers eggsackly in nid ocean. In this way we perpose to cripple the maritime power uv Engand and compel her to do jestis to Ireland. I shel bild these masheens ef unds suffishent are forthcomin. But uv course I can't do it on seven dolars a day. My persnel wants require all uv that, suthin the servant girls hood understand.

Ef the land act or any other act uv the English, stops agitashen, and hrows me out uv biznis, wich Heaven forbid, I shel either enter the priestood or start a whisky shop. I hev bin in England, France and Germany, ence I hev bin over on this side, and no matter how poor and distrest the eople wuz, I hev never seen a priest that wuzn't in good flesh, nor the

proprietor uv a gin mill. They wuz alluz in good condishen. The clergy feel for the wants uv their people in a purely speritooal sense, and the gin-mills—well, likker is the last thing these people give up. I never saw people wich cood git on with less cloze or manage to eggist in sich hovels, but they manage somehow to comfort therselves with a great deal uv whisky, and a tolerable good artikle they hev uv it. I don't like it ez well ez I do our sod-corn, but I shel git yoosed to it. I hev an accommodatin stumick. Thank heaven, it kin adapt itself to any circumstances but one—emtiness.

The only dangers that threaten uv us now is England and emigrashun, and England I am not afeerd uv. It don't matter wat England does, Ireland won't be satisfied ez long ez we hev elokent orators enuff, but emigrashun is suthin we patriots hev to dread. Ef that goes on next season to the pint uv redoosin the populashen so that them remainin kin live comfortably, we are gone up. Wat we want is to hev jist enuff to go to Ameriky to earn money enuff to supply the sinoos uv agitashen and jist enuff to stay here to make agitashen necessary. We want a Ireland alluz, and a opprest Ireland, for without that where would we be?

I remember a anti-slavery speaker wich wuz perfoundly greeved when Linkin abolished slavery. "Great Hevins!" he exclaimed, "what did he ever do that fur? Wat shel I do now for a coz?"

He tried temperance, and wimmen's rites and sich, but he hed been on slavery so long that he cooden't take up noo grievances, and sadly died in a poorhouse.

But I am not sure uv my standin here permanently, and may possibly return to Ameriky. I find that ez large ez London is, a man's idiosyncrasies spred with tolerable rapidity. I find it quite difficult to git lodgins now and I hev hed to submit twice to the hoomiliashen uv payin for my rooms in advance. It hurt my feelings, but wat cood I do? I cooden't sleep under a bridge at my age, nor kin I go without sustenance. It's all well enuff so long ez the supplies come in regerly, but when the supply stops wat then?

My inventive genius comes in here. I hev inventid a new carpit bag for the espeshl yoose up patriots and agitaters. It is made uv thin Injy rubber, with a frame that folds up into a small compass. Yoo take that carpit-bag and blow it up till it bulges out at the sides ez tho it wuz full uv cloze and things and walk into a lodging house and demand rooms with confidence. That carpit-bag, bustin with valyooables, settles it. It looks solvent, and everything is in looks. Yoo stay on the strength uv that bag and hev yoor meals sent to yoor room, and live fat. Presently yur land lady wants money, and commences to watch that carpit-bag. Yoo can' git out uv the house with it, for that is her anker and her hope. Very good Some evening yoo go to yoor room, let the wind out uv it, and fold it up and put it in your coat- pocket, and bid her good evenin, tellin her yoo shel be home early, and she may light the fire at 10, and the place that knows yoo wunst knows yoo no more furever. The first dark place yoo come to yoo blow it up agin, and go boldly into another house and establish your self in comfort ef not in luxury.

The one I hev cost me a week's receipts uv the skirmishin fund, but it a good investment. I calkelate to live on that Agitater's Bag at leest two years. Necessity is the mother uv invenshun.

London is not a bad place to live, ef one ez his wits about him. The people are not so confidin ez in Ameriky, but they hev more money. I shall make out, I make no doubt.

MIKAEL O'NASBY, (Agitater.)

HE FINDS THE PATRIOT BUSINESS NOT PROFITABLE.

London, (wich is in England),
November 1, 1881.

I shel give up the biznis uv bein a Irish patriot. The fact is the servant girls and laborers uv Ameriky hev made up their minds to send their contribushens direct to the reglar Land League, and hev ruther shut down onto the independent shops, which is conducted by Presidents, Secretaries and sich, in London. What I reqwire to do biznis is confidence, and when that nessary artikle is out of the markit, I'm a goner. It's no yoose—my receipts for the past three weeks hezn't bin enuff to keep me in ham sandwiches, to say nothin uv sich refreshments uv a likwid nacher ez I really must hev to endoor on the terrestial speer.

If I hev to skirmish on tick for a livin why keep up the farce uv bein a patriot? Ef cheek hez got to make me a livin, I kin cheek it jist ez well in my privit capassity ez I kin ez a liberater.

But I am not entirely bereft. The great man is he wich sees oportoonities ez they pass him, and is quick enuff to ketch on. Ef you are smart yoo git suthin uv a ijee ez it flits by yoo, ef it's nuthin but a tail holt.

My present vencher is one wich I know must succeed, for I hev great faith in British consistency. England is ruled by precedent, and when England hez onct taken a posishen England is goin to foller it to its logikle concloosion.

Last Joon there wuz held in London a meetin uv English capitalists wich held Confedrit bonds. It will be remembered that English cappitle furnisht the sinoos for the war wich the South fit to preserve hooman liberty by perpetooatin slavery. It wuz purely a disinterested love uv freedom that prompted em to do it. The liberty lovin manufacturer uv Manchester wuz eager to hev the cotton factories uv Noo England rooted out, the ship owner uv Liverpool sighed ez he saw the probable enslavement uv the South, and he sed, "destroy Yankee shippin," and England herself didn't want any rival in the liberty biznes and remarkt quietly, "We deprecayte war, but ef the Amerikin Republic cood be split in two it wood leave England still master uv the world."

And so the government shet its eyes and went to sleep, and the manufactrers and ship-owners furnished us with guns, and powder, and medicines, and money, and everything else nessary to carry on a war, and ships ez well, with crews into em. And we shot the Yankees with English bullets, out uv English guns, and paid our heros out uv English money.

For these guns and this money, and the powder and qwinine, and the ships England furnisht, we uv the South paid in bonds, wich we shood hev paid hed the disinterested efforts uv England to brush out the Amerikin Republic been successful.

But it wuzn't a brilliant success. The infernel Yanks, led by Grant, whaled us. English bayonits wuz met by Northern bayonits, Enfield rifles wuz confrontid by Springfield rifles, and the Stars and Bars went under never to rise agin, and to-day a Yankee government rools the crushed South and England gnashes her teeth.

The most persistent gnashers is them wich hold the Confedrit bonds for wich they give good money, and it wuz them wich held the convenshun. They insist on hevin their money and they insist that the Yoonitid States, now that the Confedrasy is gone, shel pay them.

"For," sez they with a great deel uv force, "ef the Confedrasy hed bin

a success the Confedrits wood hev paid us our money. Wat pervented the Confedrasy from bein a success? Fedral arms. Therefore, inesmuch ez Fedral arms crushed the Confedrasy and pervented the Confedrasy from payin its debt, them wich pervented it shood be held."

Ther committee reportid ez follows:

It is argued that the United States can afford to take a generous view of the position, their prosperity having exceeded the most sanguine estimates that could possibly have been formed, and having now attained such a high position amongst the Nations, the opportunity occurs to remove forever the only one blemish attaching to American State securities, viz.: the repudiation of these loans which were contracted by the Southern States.

Kin anything be clearer than this? Certainly not. I quite agree with the English capitalists that them wich pervents the payment uv debts shel be held for them debts, and out uv this grows my present speculashen, wich will, I doubt not, make me rich and put me forever beyond the necessity uv changin lodgins every other week.

Ireland is a part uv the British Empire, jist the same ez the Southern States is a part uv the Yoonitid States. Ireland didn't like English rool jist the same ez the Southern States didn't like the Fedrel government. Ireland rebelled jist the same ez the Southern States did. The parallel is jist about ez complete ez a Methodist church when it's got its steeple up.

Ther wuz an organizashen knowd ez Fenians. For the liberashun uv Ireland, they organized in Noo York, erectid a government with President and Congris and Senit and a Cabinet, and everything complete. So perfect a government did they hev that they ishood bonds for the purpose of raisin money to prosecute war agin England, and that everybody might hev a show in em, even the humblest, they ishood bonds ez low down ez $1, and them bonds wuz taken, too, and paid for in good money.

Wat happened? The British government made war upon the Fenians; they hung some uv em and transported others, and bust the concern. Consequently the bonds ishood by the Fenians wuz never paid, because the British government by crushing out the organization put it out of power to pay. Cleerly therefore the British government is held for these bonds, and ez Great Britain hez attained sich a pitch uv prosperity it shood to wunst come to the rescue and remove the blemish that attaches to it in consekence uv the repoodiashen uv these secoorities. Nothin is clearer to my mind than this.

The lodgins I now okkepy wuz wunst okkepied by a Fenian Secretary uv the Tresury, and among the effex wich he left when his landlady histid him out for non-payment uv two week's rent—by the way she hez a just claim for that money agin the British government, for, but for the crushin uv the Fenian government, he wood hev paid—among the effex he left wuz several bales uv Fenian bonds representing some millions, wich I hev. I wuz about to sell em for old paper till this blessid claim wuz made and I clutched em eagerly. There is wealth in them bonds, for uv course Great Britain will not claim uv others wat she is not willin to give.

I hev called a convenshun uv holders uv Fenian bonds and we shel to wunst prepare a memorial to the British government demandin the settlement uv this biznis. It won't take any writin—I shel simply yoose the memorial prepared by the British cappytalists in the Confedrit biznis, simply changin "Confedrit" to "Fenian," and "Yoonitid States" to "Great Britain." The case is so similar that no other changes will be necessary. The British capitalist hez presented my case more forcibly than I kin do it.

When this clame is settled I shel return to my native land and live i

luxury all my days. There will be no more waiting at bars, no more dodging about for the merest existence, no more need for postoffises and sich, but I shel live like a gentleman, and my last days will be my best. I shel glide into the tomb gracefully, and shel hev suthin more than a pine slab over my remains to mark the spot where I repose. The prospeck is cheerin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Bondholder.)

P. S.—All persons in Ameriky holdin Fenian bonds will send them to wunst to me, with $1 accompanyin to pay the necessary expenses uv registerin and so on. The proceeds will be faithfully remitted ez soon ez the British government pays the bonds, wich uv course it will do immediately after the Yoonitid States government pays the Confedrit cotton bonds. Prompt ackshen is requested in this matter, ez I must hev means to hold on in my present lodgins till this fite is fit. I can't struggle successfully when I am obleeged to spend half my time gettin out uv one house and the other half gettin into another. It's too wearin on an old man.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY RETURNS FROM EUROPE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 4, 1882.

I am back wunst more to my old stampin ground, back to the sceen uv my triumfs and failyoors. In the words uv the poet ther ain't no place like home, and ef all homes wuz like the Cross-Roads, the world wood hev reason to thank heaven for it.

I will not dwell upon my gittin back. I will not harrow up the bosom uv the Amerikin public by narratin my walk from London to Liverpool, my gittin surreptitiously aboard a steamer and bein diskivered as a stowaway and put to shovelin coal, nor wood the long walk from Noo York to Kentucky tend to restore confidense in the kindly feelin uv the Amerikin people toward tramps. Suffise it to say that the Corners looked good to me, and the happiest minit of my life wuz when I pulled up in Bascom's, and Deekin Pogram, from force of habit, asked me to take suthin.

But disappointment is the common lot uv mankind, and I am gittin my share uv it. The minit I got over bein sore footid from too much excursion, I looked into the condishn uv the Dimocrisy, and ishood a call for a meeting to thoroly reorganize for the Spring eleckshuns. Doorin my absence the organizashen hed suffered for want uv effishent leedership, and I sed to the saints that wat we wantid wuz to raise the war-cry, to lite up the camp-fires, and to close up the ranks, and to do the other things wihch is alluz done in politikle campanes. We must not permit the demon Republikinism to git a foothold in Kentucky.

To my surprise the good Dekin didn't show any symptoms uv closin up the ranks, or litin camp-fires or raisin war cries, nor nothin. He wuz ez apathetic ez a man marryin a woman a hundred years old, and Captn McPelter and Issaker Gavitt wuz still wuss, and ez for Bascom he absloolty declined to hev anythin to do with it.

"Wat is the matter?" I demanded. "Is the sperit uv Jacksonian Dimocrisy ded? Hez the Corners forgot the faith, and is ablishnism to invade these sakred precinks?"

Deekin Pogram remarkt that ef it wuz all the same to me he didn't keer very much about Dimocrisy, or, for that matter, pollitix uv any kind. The fact wuz ther hed been a change. Ef I wood cast my eagle eye over to

the west uv the village I would diskiver a blast furnis in ruther lively operashun, and ef I wood look to the north I wood observe ther wuz a hemp mill agoin on the water power in Seceshn Crik. These two enterprises hed sort o' set up the price uv land in the visinity, and his farm hed gone up in valyoo that he cood sell it for more than the mortgage Bascom held upon it—in short, Bascom, on the strength uv the rise hed given him a noo credit, and he wuz satisfied it wood bear another mortgage uv suffishent size to furnish him likker till death took him where likker wuzn't nessary to his happinis.

"But Deekin," I shreeked, "are yoo goin to succum to Republikinism?"

"But for these mills," replied the selfish old man, "I shood hev succumed to hunger and thirst. I ain't a Republikin, but ef it wuz Republikinism that establisht them mills and sot up the price uv my farm, and restored me to life, I presoom I shel succum. I take notis we didn't hev no mills here afore. Ez blood is thicker than water so is likker better. I ain't hankerin after a change very much."

And Bascom he remarkt that he wuz entirely satisfied with the sitooashen. Ther hed bin a great many noo houses bilt sence the mills wuz put up, and his trade hed increest. Pollock and Joe Bigler got the people here to bild the mills, and Pollock wuz doin a rushin biznis, and after all, while he wuz a Dimocrat, and shood live and die in the faith, he perposed to vote for jist sich measures ez wood keep them mills runnin, and pay the men wich wuz at work into them.

Issaker Gavitt and Capt. McPelter ekoed the sentimence uv the Deekin and Bascom, and I found it impossible to git up even a meetin, to say nothin uv raisin a fund for campane expenses, with me ez Treasurer.

This in the Corners! The fucher uv the Dimocrisy is dark indeed. Them mills is belchin smoke from their accursed chimneys and in that smoke my hopes is enveloped in suthin like a pall. The people uv the Corners is all at work and doin well, noo houses is bein erectid, ther is all the money that is neddid and it is good for suthin, the farmers come daily to the Corners with ther prodoose wich Pollock buys, and pays for, and everybody seems doin well. Wat chance is ther for a reformer like me when two mills is runnin full time and payin their hands, and everything is goin on well? Wat chance is ther for a Dimocratic leeder were everything is goin on in this distressin way? Wat use is ther for me to demand a change in the name uv a suffrin people when ther aint no suffrin? Wat use ther in attemptin to revive the anshent Dimocratic feelin when Dimocrats soopinely perpoose to vote for Republikin measures jist becoz the price uv ther land hez gone up, and becoz ther biznis is good?

"We must reorganize the party and git in shape," sed I.

"Twenty noo houses is goin up in the west end," sed Deekin Program.

"Eternel vigilence is our only safegard agin Radikelism," sed I.

"The hemp mills took on five noo hands yisterday," sed Bascom.

Then I groaned. All I could git out uv these recklis men wuz noo houses, and noo men in the mills, and sich disgustin detales.

Wat we hev got to hev is a calamity, a wide-spread and suffishently calamitus calamity to redoose everybody to distress. This disgustin prosperity which hez sot in hez completely paralyzed the Dimocrisy, and nothin but a trouble of sich magnitood ez to bring the kentry to its very knees, will awaken em. Ef that calamity don't come, Dimocrisy is ded and its funeral orashun mite ez well be pronounst to wunst.

I wish I hed stayed in Europe. They turn the cold shoulder to me

here, and inless distress uv some kind occurs my mishn is at an end, and I mite ez well sink into my grave with great dispatch.

I shel stay a few weeks more here and ef no disaster okkurs to change this infernel prosperity I shel leeve. There is a chance that the mills may burn up, and Pollock and Bigler may git the small pox, and men go about the streets with nothin to do, in wich case I shel hev suthin to agitate onto, but onless something uv the kind happens immegitly Dimocrisy is dead in the Corners, and the Republikins will carry it. Dimocrisy must hev some kind uv distress to go on.

I hev one gleem only. The spring is very forrerd and the froot may be killed, and I hev hopes that the wheat is badly winter-killed. Ef this is so I hev one nale on wich to hang expectashen, but even then the out-look is gloomy. The discurridging fact remains that the iron and hemp mills are in full blast, and that the farmers hev accoomulatid enuff to tide em over even ef ther shood be one totle failyoor. I cna't burn the mills, and it is out uv my power to perdoose a failyoor uv the crops, and so I spose the disintegrashun uv the Dimocrisy must go on. It is terrible.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Late Eggsile.)

P. S.—Bascom jist informed me that the people hed so got into the habit uv payin cash that he hed did away with books altogether, and that he shood reqwire cash from this time out. Thus another iron enters my soul. Republikinism in the Corners and my credit shut off! Gabrel may sound his horn ez soon ez it soots his convenience.

SOME LIGHT ON THE IRISH QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(which is in the State of Kentucky),
March 14, 1882.

Sence my return from across the boundin billers, I hev notist that the Amerikin press is full uv narrashens uv the suffrins and woes uv the Irish peasantry, wich in consekence uv the pernishus advice uv hot headed leaders is refoosin to pay rent for the land they hev bin okkepyin.

Is ther no two sides to this question? Let the Amerikin public paws and consider before it comes to a conclooshun on this pint.

Is ther no suffrin among the aristocratic classes becoz uv the refoosle uv the Irish to pay rent? Well do I remember jist after the war in Kentucky how acootly ex-slaveholders suffered becoz the freed niggers refoosed to werk for ther former masters onless ther pay cood be ashoored. Poor old John Guttle, uv Mobeel, wuz, in consekence uv this refoozle, redoost to drinkin spring water, and he died uv inflammashen uv the bowels. His two sons wuz actilly compelled to plow and plant and reap theirselves, a fate wich a troo Southerner looks upon ez the next thing to death. But it wuz work or stavashen for em.

The suffrin growin out uv Irish matters is not all on one side. When in England I wuz well acquainted with the butlers and upper servance uv several noble families, and I kin tell tales that wood harrow up the sole uv anybody but a Irish agitater.

The Duchess of Slushinton owns very large estates in County Mayo, the family hevin bin in possession uv em sence Cromwell druv off the Irish. Ez the family hez held these lands three hundred yeers ther can't be no question ez to ther title.

In the old and happy days the Irish tenants paid all the rent they cood,

and the Duchess wuz comfortable. She was a kind landlord and it wuz her boast that not more than a hundred uv her tenants hed died uv starvashen sence she hed managed the estate. She never eggsacted more uv em than they cood pay, and never evicted a tenant so long ez they hed sons and dawters in Ameriky to keep the rent up, and she never forbid em makin any improvement on the land they wantid to.

Under the teechins uv the feendish Land Leaguers, these tenants hev refoosed to pay their rents.

And for what reason? Simply this. The Duchess' eldest dawter wuz married to Lord Mutanhed last year, and uv course hed to hev a outfit. The weddin, the outfit and the house she hed to give the young couple, with the joolry and hosses and kerridges and all that wuz expensive. Then the bridal toor, which took in all Europe, cost a pile uv money and where wuz the Duchess to git it? Of her tenants, uv course; where else? And so she directed her agent to raise the rent to meet these eggsigencies, and to push the collecshun uv such ez wuz in arrears. The rent wuz raised, some 50 families wich pretended they coodent pay wuz evictid, and the rest uv the tenance simply sed that inesmuch ez they hed bin payin all they cood possibly git off the land, besides all they cood earn workin summers in England, and all their children in Ameriky sent em, they coodent do no more and they mite ez well lay down now ez to put it off a while. And so they refoose to pay.

Consekently the Duchess is suffrin acootly. She had to economise, to retrench, and there is distress in the town house in London, alarm in th residence in Paris, and the palis at Florence is shut up altogether. This distress is far reechin.

The butler, wich never drunk nothin but port wine all his life is now redoost to Bass ale, and his salery is cut down 20 per sent. The footmen hev bin redoosed in number, and she hez bin compelled to let em appear in ther nateral hair, not bein able to afford powder.

I shel never forgit the devoshun uv one uv em, to my dyin day. When the powder for ther hair wuz cut off, he still appeared with his head ez white ez before. The faithful creature, determined to keep us the appearances uv the family hed actilly powdered his hed with flour, and the rest uv the servance inspired by his sublime example powdered their hair with flour also. They managed to git on with a trifle less than a barl a week.

The Duchess wuz compelled to sell one pair uv carriage hosses to save their keep, wich leaves her only seven pairs, all told. One uv the ponies uv her little son, Clarence, hed to be dispensed with, leevin the deer child but three, and a pet monkey belonging to Miss Clara hed to be sacrificed, ez the confecshnary it wuz fed onto wuz expensive. One lady's maid wuz dismissed, three men servance, the crew uv the family yacht wuz dismissed and the Duchess gave but one grand recepshun doorin the season, and that wuz not so perfoose ez formerly. It wuz nessarily in a stile uv severe simplissity.

The only one in the family who wuz not compelled to retrench wuz the eldest son, the fucher Dook. He wuz the pride uv the family, and he wuz permitted to keep his hosses, his hounds, his yacht, and his apartmense in the prinsiple capitals.

Is ther anythin so holy ez a mother's love? Not any. That Frederic may keep up the family repootashen he goes on ez yoosual, while his mther and sisters discharge lady's maids, and yoose flour in the hair uv ther servance instid uv powder.

When the sosiety for alleviatin the distress uv female proprietors uv Irish lands wuz organized, the Duchess refoosed to take any part uv the funds raised.

"Ther are others," sed this noble woman, "wich need it more than I. Lady Splash is compelled to git on with one man servant and three maids—help her. Mrs. Col. Bomb hez dismissed two servance, and hires out all her horses but one pair—help her. The Slushintons kin endoor poverty ez they hev enjoyed comforts."

I can't understand the Irish at all.

Distress! Ef the stubborn Irish tenantry want to know what distress reely is they want to come to London, and notis the effeck uv ther refoosle to pay rent. They will find discharged servance wich alluz enjoyed all the luxuries uv life, men and wimmen wich alluz hed the best uv everything, sittin moodily in the public houses, and redoosed to drinkin 'arf and 'arf, and in many cases plain gin. They would see kerridges wich wunst held the upper serkles, exposed for sale, and the hosses uv the better classes sold. The tailors and milliners mourn the non-payment uv rent by the Irish, for ef the landlords can't collect the rent how are their sons and dawters to array themselves in purple and fine linen? The grocers, the butchers, bakers, confectioners and wine merchants are gloomy, for when the Irish farmers won't pay how are they to fare sumptuously every day?

Distress! Why, in more than one noble manshun where I wuz alluz a welcome guest in the servant's drawin rooms, the servance themselves hev been redoost to meat only twict a day, and ther wine hez either bin cut off altogether, or the quality so redoost that a gentleman kin scarcely drink it.

And all this wide spred sufferin becoz Ireland won't pay rent.

But this distress is not confined to the nobility. Mr. Samuel Gripus wuz formerly agent for Lord Golosh, and he accoomolated a very handsome property in Ireland, on the proseeds uv wich he hez lived for many yeers in genteel comfort. Ez his family growd up he hed to educate em, wich took money, and one uv his sons went wild, and cost him a great deal uv money. He wuz a conscientious man, and paid his son's debts promptly, and met the expenses uv his risin family nobly, wich he did by raisin the rent uv his Irish tenants from time to time ez the occasion demanded. I hev seen the good old man's letters to his agent in Ireland.

"Young Sam hez lost a thousand pounds a gamblin last nite, and it is a debt uv honor and must be paid. Raise the rents all around and remit ez soon ez possible."

Or this—"Sam hez got into trouble with a woman and hez compermised it and must hev money. The rents isn't high enuff."

And so it went on till the estates wuz yeeldin very well, though ez Sam didn't reform, and the young ladies wuz needin more and more money ez they got older, the poor old man wuz in constant worry.

And now that his tenants hev refoosed to pay at all, on the flimsy pretext that ef they do all work on the land they are entitled to more than two meals uv potatoes a day, and some little clothin, the good Mr. Gripus hez bin compelled to shut off Sam's allowance, or, wat is the same, redoose it to $500 a year, and to retrench right and left. There is but one pair uv hosses for the entire family, and only six servance, male and female, in the whole house.

I cood enoomerate any number uv these cases but it is uv no yoose.

An Irish farmer won't see any distress but his own, and will, I suppose, still refooze to consider the inconvenience ther course is causin. They don't understand that they are yoosed to two meals uv potatoes a day, while the Duchess of Slushington ain't yoosed to gettin on without hosses and sich, and young Sam Gripus actilly needs the excitements uv fashionable life. A Irishman is naterally illogikle.

But the Duchess and Mr. Gripus hev the British government behind em, and these rebels agin the laws uv property will be doubtlis brought to reason. When ther is power enuff in Ireland to keep em in restraint I shel apply for a place ez a agent. It wood fit me eggsackly.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Late Eggsile.

MR. NASBY HEARS ELECTION NEWS.

Vienna, (Wich is in Despotic Austria,)
November 11, 1882.

I hev heerd from my once dividid but now entirely yoonited kentry, and am correspondingly happy. Ohio, 30,000 Dimekratic, Noo York suthin over 150,000, Connecticut, Massichoosits, (there is a hope for the vilest sinner now,) a Dimekratic guvnor in Michigan! Well, it wuz rather too much. I shood hev got bilin full immejitly, but ther ain't no whisky here. Sod corn whisky uv the vintage uv three weeks ago is the only likker in wich it is proper to cellebrate a Dimekratic viktry. Brandy is altogether too gentlemanly a bowel-warmer for that purpus, and that is all yoo kin git here.

Of course I shel immejitly come home, for I am shoor now that the Corners will give me a decent livin till 1884, on the bare prospex uv a Dimekratic President wich can not help but make me postmaster somewhere, or give some other place wich will lubricate my passage to the silent tomb, and enable me to live not only in some sort uv comfort, but pay at least a trifle onto the debts wich hev bin accoomoolatin so long. There is other reasons for my immejit return. The Dimokrisy wuz never in need uv prudent counsels ez much ez now. I shood hev bin better satisfied hed our victry come to us in smaller proporshuns. A drouth is bad for crops, but it aint half ez bad ez a freshet that rips things. We hev jist hed a freshet.

Likewise I am not well pleased at the kind uv recroots we got, wich enabled us to win this glorious victry. We hev alluz hed the Irish, wich wuz grievous becoz they allwuz demanded, and hed to hev to keep em steddy, at least half uv the offices, wich cut up the profits uv bein a Dimekratic leader amazinly. Now the Germans are onto us, and a mighty heavy slice uv niggers. Wat is goin to happen ?

I kin see in my mind's eye a Dimekratic convenshun next yeer. Kin see Germans comin to the front and demandin their share; niggers comin to the front and demandin their share, and the Irish, wich wuz never modest about claimin their share, askin for still more on akkount uv the greatnis uv the victry.

The conundrum to be ansered is wat is goin to be left to us, the old originels ? Wher are we to come in ? We hev alluz divided with the Irish patriots; is ther offices enuff to stand divides into two more parts ?

I don't like this kind uv assistance to win victrys. The kind uv help I want is that uv Republikins uv principle, who kick over the Republikin party, not for the sake uv offis, but because uv its corrupshen, and leeve

us to run the offises wich they help us to. I want reel good men, uv the George Willyum Curtis kind, wich bleeves in civil servis reform, and to git it supports John Kelly and sich. I want men uv that stripe, wich, in order to lay out favoritism in offis helps Tammany Dimokrisy into rool. I want pure reformers, like them in Pennsylvany, wich splits up the Republikin party and don't ask nothin in return. I want sich men ez them in Massychoosits, wich, to purify things, makes Ben Butler gûvnor. In short, wat I want is to hev Republikins vote the Dimekratic ticket, or not vote at all, and at the same time stay in the Republikin camp. Sich men acheeve the victry for us, but don't claim any share in the plunder.

Then I deerly luv to hev the Prohibitionists, wich, in order to pervent the sale uv likker, casts with delightful regelarity a half a vote for the s'loon interest. I ain't shure but wat a Prohibitionist is uv more yoose to us than a s'loon man, for, bein allus a moral man, he hez more weight. Troo, he can't inflooence the patriots wich rekwire to be kep full two months afore eleckshun to carry the Dimekratic ticket, and six weeks after glorifyin over the success; but all them we get anyhow. The Prohibitionist wich remains troo to his convickshuns and votes his ticket firmly is the most comfortable ally the Dimocrisy hez. While he helps the s'loonkeeper, by not votin the Republikin ticket, jist ez much ez we do, he don't come brawlin around our caucusses insistin upon bein made county treasurer. He's a deliteful help to us.

But I don't know ez we kin help it. The fact is the Republikin party is made up uv a great many moral idees, and it is a weeknis uv the man wich hez jist one moral idee to think that that one moral idee is the only moral idee wuth considrin, and he hez a moral enmity to every other man's moral idee. Dimocrisy is much simpler and more easily understood. Dimocrisy means postoffis, pure and simple, and it alluz attrax all the classes wich are after postoffis.

The beer element. wich is a late accession, may bother us somewat, for it hez a vital intrest in the matter and will insist upon a square recognition. It isn't postoffis they want—it is the profits on beer—and they may give us trouble. However, it don't amount to much. They will drive out uv the Dimocrisy the too respectable membership, the few wich hev moral idees, but they never did feel to home with us, anyhow.

Anyhow I shel come home. There ain't another eleckshun till next spring, and we kin satisfy our noo allies till then with the local offises. We kin make mayors, justices uv the peace, constables and sich, and next fall kin hold em with resolooshens in our convenshuns. They won't be able to git away till after the next Presidenshel elecshun, and if the civil servis reformers and Prohibishunists and revenoo reformers and all them carry ther noshuns into the Presidenshel campane, it will give us the patronage uv the gineral government to divide, and that will be enuff for me the remnant uv my days. Ef the present gineration uv Dimekrats —with a Congris and a President—can't appropriate enuff to make them comfortable all the rest uv ther days, they ain't the men I take em for.

I shell sail jist ez soon ez I decide wich line it is the easiest to stowaway on. Jubilant, but doubtful,

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (With hopes).

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONDITION OF THE CORNERS

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State av Kentucky),
Joon 12, 1883.

While not eggsackly ez I cood wish it in all respecks, things at the Corners is tollable. I have taken a ook over the hull county, and I find very little change in it sence I took my toor and mixed with nobility in the effete monarkies uv Yoorup.

Ther hez bin some change in the Corners. Pollock and Joe Bigler went East and interested some bloatid bond-holders uv Massachoosits in a iron mill, ther bein iron in the co nty, wich brot a lot uv Noo England fanatics here, wich all vote the Rep blican tikkit, and hev a church and a skool in wich they edikate niggers to reed and write, and they keep up a Republikin organizashen, and do other things wich puts em at variance with the pervailin sentiment uv the Corners.

We shood hev no objeckshun to ther comin with their money, and puttin up iron works and sich, pervided they wood conform to our customs, but they won't. The men, when they are paid off, never come to Bascom's to leeve their money; they refoose to mix in our cawcusses and vote our tikkit; the persist in hevin a church, and every Sunday, instid uv assistin at quarter races and sich, they put on biled shirts and starched collars, and hev a religus meetin and Sunday skools.

A biled shirt and starched collar is a insult to the Corners, ceptin at weddins and foonerals.

But that iron mill can't last long. The next Congris will be Dimekratic, and will settle its hash when it tackles the tariff. We shel be relecved uv that, and the Corners will wunst more be itself agin.

At Secessionville everything is goin on as yoosual. Bascom's wife's brother hez the wet grosery ther, and he is doin neerly ez well ez Bascom. He hez a mortgage onto pretty neer all the property within five miles uv him, and he hez the farmers in sich a shape that they are workin almost entirely for him. He hez a mortgage on their stumicks, and when a s'loon-keeper gits a man wich kin earn money in that shape, and kin let the stuff alone hisself, he hez a soft thing. A man with the alcohol disease in his stumick, complicated with seven-up and pin-pool, is the sole property uv the most convenient grosery. He can't git away from it. A regler likker s'loon with a card-table will beet an Amerikin wife, family, church and Sunday skool. It is the one thing on earth that hez supreme controle.

Kernel McPelter, under the inflocense uv a Northern Baptist preecher and a mortgage wich wuz rapidly growin, made a desprit struggle to beet Bascom a yeer ago, but it wuz a totle failyoor. He stayed away two nites, and then returned, apologisin to Bascom for wat he hed defraudid him out uv. Bascom generusly forgive him, and let him take his old place.

"I shood hev bin a trifle better off to-day," sed Bascom, "hed yoo not attempted this impossibility, but never mind, Kernel; I shel git all you hev in time. Wat yoo want to do is to make yoorself comfortable while yoo hev any property to mortgage. Yoo shel hev all yoo want."

The Kernel, to save suthin to his family, contemplated startin a grosery hisself, so that he mite git his own likker at wholesale, and also mortgages onto his nabors; but his fell desine cum to Bascom's ear. G. W. laffed it to skorn.

"It takes cappytle to carry yoo fellows, and wher is the Kernel to git it? He shood hev thought uv this before he stood so long at my bar."

That's wat's the trouble. G. W. hez all the avalable cappytle uv the Corners, and we are helplis. He hez us in the holler uv his hand.

And then Bascom went on to moralizin, wich is suthin he don't often do. "I am quite aweer," he sed, "that every one uv yoo fellers wood git away from me and my brother-in-law at Secessionville, ef yoo cood. But yoo can't. When yoo are wunst fastened in our bars, yoo stay. You must hev likker, and you will. Preechers may preech and politikle economists may talk, but once yoor eyes is sot, likker is suvrin. The only trouble is yoo don't live long enough to be ez yooseful to me and the distillers and the brewers ez yoo ought to be. The d——d stuff kills yoo too soon. I wish I cood settle among a race uv men wich hed no livers, and whose stumicks wuz glass-lined and backed up with fire brick, onto wich sod-corn whisky wood hev the same exhileratin effeck that it does on flesh, without burnin it out. The trouble with me is yoo don't live long enuff. Yoo die too young to give us all we want uv yoo. Ef a man wich spends a dollar a day at my bar dies at 30 in consekence uv the likker he drinks, he hez paid me mity little, all things considered. Ef I cood invent a likker wich wood keep that man bound to me for 20 yeers longer, you see I wood hed 20 years more yoose uv him. But that likker never wuz invented. And the misforchoon uv my biznis is that my customers die jest at the age when they shood be makin more money for me.

"But I don't see how it is to be helped, and my only consolashen is I git all they hev, and by the time they hev bin about my place for 20 years ther ain't enuff uv em left to be uv much yoose to me anyhow. So long ez I kin work it ez it is, I 'spose I ought to be satisfied. But it does worry me to see men loafin about the streets without the energy to work, so that they may be able to buy more likker. I shood like to hev a likker that wood act onto the system so that a man cood drink all he wantid to and still work. It's tantalizin to see a man with a appetite incapable uv labor. And when one occasionally survives and comes to your age, parson, the iron enters one's soul to keep chargin up likker to account, instid uv collectin cash on every drink, ez it ought to be."

Bascom is entirely right. He hez us. In my twenty yeers at the Corners I hev seen a long line uv men go down, and I notis that the land they wunst owned G. W. hez now the legle title to. Uv course ef they hed lived longer he wood hev got more out uv em, for they wood hev worked the land longer, and he wood hev got the proceeds, and the land wood hev come to him jist the same in the end, but the ways uv Providence is inscrutible. Ef Bascom cood live forever, and his customers shood live ez long ez he did, and preserve the capassity for absorpshun, he wood, in time, own the hull state.

In pollytiks the county is jist the same ez ever. We bleeve ez uv yore, that the war agin the South wuz unholy, and we bleeve in Dimocrisy, ez we understand it. We don't keer very much wat the Dimocrisy uv the North hold to, or wat they call Dimocrisy, knowin perfeckly well that when we come into power we shel do the constrooin uv the platforms. A poet wunst sed, "I keer not who makes the laws for the people ef I kin make the songs." I don't keer who makes the platforms for the Dimocrisy, so that we uv the South kin do the constrooin. It's the constrooin that counts.

They may play "Tariff for Revenoo" to fool the people uv Pennsyl-

vany on the one hand, and the people uv Illinoy on the other, but wat is reely to be the tariff we uv the South, wich furnishes the votes to elect Dimekratic Presidents, will finelly decide.

On one question, however, we won't permit no construction. We still bieeve in States' rites, jist the same ez we alluz did, and that doctrine for wich Kernel McPelter fought, and Deekin Pogram bushwhacked every dark nite, is ez sacred to us ez ever. We hold to the rite of secession; we hold that the state is sooperior to the gineral government, and while we probably shel never succeed in redoosin the nigger to his normal condishen, wher we wunst hed him, we shel at leest insist that he shel never be considered the ekal uv the white, and that our dawters shel be pertekted against marryin uv him. Ther ain't much left uv the anshent Dimocrisy, but on these pints the Kentucky Dimekrat is inflexible and immovable. On these proposishens we kin alluz rally our full strength.

I send greetin to our friends North, and ashoor em that whoever is found faithlis they may alluz depend upon Kentucky to rally to the poles election day for the tikkit that is nominatid, and also that she will be promptly to the front when the spoils is to be divided.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(On His Native Heath, and No Longer a Eggsile).

MR. NASBY AND THE CORNERS HAVE TROUBLE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 21, 1883.

The amount uv trubble I hev hed to git properly fixed at the Corners is suthin terrible. After it wuz finelly agreed that I shood cum back on the old footin, and wuz to be decently pervided for, Bascom kicked and went back on the hull arrangement. In the most brootal manner he told me, nite afore last, that his likker cost money, and he'd be dam ef he'd set it out on sich prospecks uv payment ez I hed held out to him. He demandid cash on delivery, and insistid on hevin the 10 cents per drink paid in advance to pervent mistakes.

It is curus wat a power these ba keepers hev over us! Ef I shood go into a clothin store, and the clothin man shood insist upon pay in advance, I shood laff him to skorn. I shood remark that the weather wuz warm, and that clothin wuz only a luxury anyhow; that Adam and Eve when in a state uv innosense didn't need clothin, and why shood I? Money bein the root uv all evil, and I hevin none uv the root, and bein, consekently, in a state uv innosense, why shood I want clothin enuff to go to any trouble about it?

We kin manage to laff at the clothin men, the butchers and bakers, but when it comes to likker, that is a serious matter and not to be laffed at. Watever else we may lack, that and terbacker we must hev.

And so I wuz compelled to compermise with Bascom, ez hoomiliatin ez it wuz. He knows his vantage ground—he knows the insashiability uv a diseased stumick.

I finelly come to an understandin and an agreement with him, wich he will stand by—in fact he must. He hez agreed to it afore witnesses.

I am to come into his place ez early ez 8 in the mornin, and am to sit there stiddy till 12 at nite, to reed the noosepaper to the Dimocrisy wich happen in doorin the day and evenin. Just after the arrival uv the mule team wich brings passengers and the mail over from Secessionville, I she

hev to go to Filkin's tavern to see ef any drummers from Looisville arrived, and ef so to bring em over to Bascom's ef possible.

I bind myself to accept every invitashen to drink, and am to reseeve remoonerashen ez follows:

On all drinks uv hard likker inflooenced by me from strangers.....3 cents each
On beer inflooenced by me.....11-2 cents each
On likker drunk by myself, on the invitashen uv regler customers....3 cents each

Wich is to say that on originel biznis, created by myself, I get a commission, not only on wat I drink but on wat they drink, but on regler customers, them on whose stumicks Bascom considers he hez a mortgage, a prescriptive right, I only git commission on wat I consoom, Bascom concedin that were I not there his receipts would be just that much less.

I am not to receeve my commissions in money. They are simply credited up to me, to be taken out in kind, on rainy days when nobody is in, but when I must hev my supplies jist the same. And further, I am to hev a line uv credit at the bar, never to exceed $2 beyond my commishuns, that I may be kept alive when biznis is dull.

I agree also to read to the Dimocrisy sich papers as Bascom may take, to conduct Dimekratic meetings, and sich religious convocashens ez they may deem necessary.

Deekin Pogram is to find me in food, on credit, till I git the postoffis. I refer to this ez a part uv the agreement, though that it is a matter uv no importance—purely a miner considerashun. Wat little I eat is a matter uv very little consekence. The mane pint is the likker, and that ashoored, everything is safe.

I think now I hev passed the crisis. Life with me hez bin passin a succeshn uv crises, though this wuz the closist I ever hed. I am now comfortable, and shel be till we come to the eleckshun uv 1884. Ef we win, I shel hev the postoffis, wich will ashoor me for four yeers at least, and ef I shood survive that, I shel hev established a credit wich will sustane me doorin the few years I hev to tarry here in the valley and shadder. With my nose and toes turned up under six feet uv ground it makes no difference to me wat rools Bascom institoots, or wat he does. Others may skirmish for existence in my old place, but I shel be beyond earthly wants.

The condishn politikelly is ez good ez cood be wished for by the most sanguine. The iron mill hez some strength, wich, ef combined with the niggers, mite bother us. But the niggers ain't permittid to vote, bein inferior beins wich prefer to spend their money on skools instid uv bein soshable at Bascom's, and the iron mills reseeved a staggerer by the reduckshen uv the tariff, and ain't workin on full time. One more Dimecratik Congris will wipe out that concern and leeve us ez strong ez ever.

Our own vote we controle ez alluz, Bascom holdin em in the holler uv his hand. With Bascom prosperin, the Dimocrisy is entirely safe.

Soshelly, we are hevin some trouble. Mrs. Bascom went to Looisville last week, and come home with two new silk dresses and some silk stockings, and shoes wich button instead uv bein tied with calf-skin strings. Now good close ain't any yoose to a woman onless she kin show em, and so last Sunday Mrs. B. cum to the meetin-house with all her noo toggery onto her, and she sot so ez to show them cussid shoes and the silk stockings in all their glory. It wuz very injoodishus.

Mrs. Kernel McPelter, wich hezn't hed a noo pare uv shoes for five years, and Mirandy Pogram, who ginerally takes advantage uv the warm

weather to come to church becoz uv bein able in summer to come barefooted, and Issaker Gavitt's wife, whose shoes is uv calf-skin tied with leather strings and whose stockins is uv wool, knit by herself, they held a convenshun to-wunst.

Mrs. Kernel McPelter remarkt that ef some wimmim's husbands kept a grosery at wich other wimmen's husbands spent the heft uv their time, and all uv ther money, some wimmen cood hev silk gownds, and silk stockins and buttoned shoes, likewise.

Mirandy Pogram remarkt that ef the old fool, her father, cood only be kept out uv Bascom's, she mightev shoes to go to church into, and Issaker Gavitt's wife suggested that Mrs. Bascom wuz a wearin dry goods wich they wuz a payin for, through the mejum uv ther husband's stumicks.

They wuz jined by about a hundred other female malcontents, who can't be made to understand that the one thing on earth wuth livin for is a grosery, and that the prinsiple biznis uv mankind is to pour ther money into grosery keeper's tills, murmured, likewise, and they resolved to make it warm for Bascom and his wife.

Wat they are goin to do I don't know, but a hundred infooriatid women kin make a great deel uv trouble ef they git woke up. We can't afford to drive em to eggstreme measures, for ef they shood strike who wood do the farm work while we are gettin ourselves into condishn to save the kentry at Bascom's? I shudder to think wat wood happen ef Miss Mirandy Pogram shood refoose to do the milkin and butter-makin, and help at the plantin, and savin the craps. The good old Deekin wood hev to resine his place at Bascom's and do it hisself, and I—where wood my subsistence come from? We ain't got no niggers to do our work now, and somebody must do it. We can't change—we must live like troo Kentucky gentlemen.

I insistid that Mrs. Bascom don't inflame the female mind uv the Corners any more, by wearin them store cloze at home. We hev desidid she shel go to Looisville wunst a month to sport em, but they must not be seen any more her. It is too dangerus an experiment. Ez Bascom gits all our money we can't pertend to dress our wives and dawters ez he does hizzen, and so we can't afford to enrage em to a pint wher they will absolutly rebel.

This will probably settle it. We hev given it out alreddy that the cloze she wore that Sunday wuz given her by a rich sister in Cincinnati It takes a great deel uv intelleck to run both ends uv a commoonity.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (In comparative comfort).

THE WOMEN MAKE IT WARM FOR MRS. BASCOM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Joon 26, 1883.

The Corners is just now passin through a crisis wich is suthin terrible. For four days the foundashene uv the grate deep hev bin broken up, and chaos hez come agin. For the fust time in my life I realized to the full the entire significanse uv the passage, "Man is uv few days and full uv trubble." I hev hed trubble enuff within the past four days to not only turn my hare gray, but to change the color uv the scalp from wich the hare fled yeers ago.

It is all the fault uv Mrs. Bascom, wich despite our warning, wood wea

a noo silk dress and red silk stockings, and button shoes to church, last Sundy. After the expression uv dissent made by Mirandy Pogram, Mrs. Kernel McPelter and Mrs. Issaker Gavitt, and the other enraged females uv the Corners, she promised to wear em no more, at home, but the desire wich is implantid in every female buzm to show all the dry goods she hez wuz too strong for her, and so last Sundy she bloomed out gayer than ever, and thereby set the entire feminine popelashen uv the Corners in a state uv frenzy, wich is easier to imagine than describe.

Ther wuz a sekret meetin held at Issaker Gavitt's, wich it wuz easy to do, ez Issaker is alluz at Bascom's 'ceptin at meal times, and even then he is ther ef he knows I hev a noo man from Looisville wich hez money to spend and wants to do it, so ther wuz no difficulty in hevin a sekret meetin uv wimmen at his house.

Wat they resolved or wat wuz sed at that meetin nobody knows nor never will, but the results wuz made painfully apparent to us immejitly.

At 7 o'clock that nite about 25 uv em marched into Bascom's and astonished us by takin the best seets and the best places in the bar. Mirandy Pogram sot in one cheer and put her feet up into another and tilted back in the most comfortable attitood possible. Mrs. Kernel McPelter leaned up agin the bar, smokin a clay pipe, and the others assoomed other attitoods ez nateral ez life. Some uv em cocked ther feet on cheers, ez we do, and did it jist ez well, only petticoats ain't ez handy ez trowsers for that kind uv comfort-takin. However, the wimmin uv the Corners, ceptin Mrs. Bascom, ain't very much bothered with cloze.

Bascom turned pale.

"Wat do yoo want here?" he gasped. "This ain't no place for wimmen!"

"Ain't it!" exclaimed Mrs. Kernel McPelter. "We shel see. Any place that is good enuff for my husband, Kernel Cashus McPelter, the father uv my children, and, sence his niggers wuz sot free, uv all his children, is plenty good enuff for me. I promised to cleeve unto him and I am going to do it. Ez Naomi remarkt, 'Wher he goest ther will I go.' Bascom, set 'em up. I don't jist know wat 'set 'em up' means, but I hev often heard the Kernel murmur them words jist after he hed rolled into bed with his boots on. Watever 'set em up' means, yoo do it!"

"Who is to pay?"

"The Kernel. He takes all the money I work for, and he must therefore pay for settin em up."

"But yoo wimmen don't want likker."

Then Mirandy broke in:

"Don't we, tho? Do yoo want it? Does that old fool, the Deekin, want it? Does that hoary-headed fraud, old Nasby, want it? If they do, we do, just the same ez men. We hev stumicks to be scorched and bowels to be irritatid. If it adds anything to human happinis to burn and scorch innards, then ours must be burnt and scorched. Ef it amoozes yoo to git full, and come home at 12 o'clock at nite, it will amooze us. Wat's sauce for the Corners gander must be sauce for the Corners goose. Set em up, Bascom. We long to be happy."

"Yes," sed Mrs. Issaker Gavitt, "Mrs. Bascom kin hev noo silk gownds, all flounced and frilled, and silk stockins, and shoes that button, while we go bare-footed. We mite hev the same ef our husands didn't spend all ther money in likker, and deprive us uv good cloze, ther must be suthin in likker sooperior to good close. Ez we can't hev the good close, we will

hev wat is better than good close. All the pleasures uv life ain't a goin to be continually on one side. G. W., set um up!"

And ez Bascom didn't move fast enuff, bein in a sort uv dazed condition, Mirandy Pogram rushed behind the bar and sot out glasses and the familiar old bottle, and the entire bilin uv em rushed up to the bar. In a instant the bottle wuz empty, and Mirandy went to the red-headed barl and filled it, turnin the spigot so that over a gallon uv the elixir uv life wuz spilled afore Bascom got presence uv mind enuff to shet off the murderous streem.

They drank the likker, and then snatched up the pipes and terbacker, and took ther seets, and sot in sollum silence till Mrs. Gavitt she ordered Bascom to set 'em up agin, wich he wuz compelled to do, preferrin to handle the likker hisself to hevin unskilled hands foolin around with his spigot. They drunk that, and after more talk Mirandy Pogram ordered Bascom to set em up agin.

By this time the party hed become hilarious and frisky. They ordered us out uv the bar-room, and told us to go home and do the milkin and other work about the respective houses, when I attemptid to remonstrate and argoo the pint with em.

I commenst to instruct em that woman is the weeker vessel, when Mirandy hissed thro her teeth: "She mite hev bin the weeker vessel originely, but after a long and arduous experience at the wash-tub, and splittin oven-wood, and hoein corn, she kin probably hold her own with men wich hez hed less exercise."

And three uv em jumped onto me and kerried me out to the horse troff, and deposited me tenderly in it. Then the histed out the Deekin, Issaker and the Kernel, threw Bascom over his bar, and took the runnin uv the establishment into their own hands.

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They held the fort till 12 at nite, when hearin uv em singin bacchanalian songs on the street we venchered back. It wuz a horrible site that met our astonished eyes. Over the bar wuz hung a banner uv white cotton, onto wich wuz painted these words uv feerful import:

"Mrs. Bascom Shel Not Be the Only Woman in the Corners with Silk Dresses, Shoes That Button, and Red Silk Stockins! Cloze or Blud!"

The cheers wuz broke, the table wuz overturned, and the bottles wuz strewed about on the floor. In one bottle there wuz perhaps two drinks, and I took it up and poured it absent-mindedly into a glass.

"This is indeed terrible!" I remarked ez I swallowed it.

"Terrible!" sed Bascom. "Yoo fellers, the husbands and brothers uv these demons, will pay for this loss uv property."

"Not so," I replied. "It is your wife's fault. Ef she had not showed them dry goods in public these winmen wood not hev bin inflamed, and yoor place wood not hev bin wrecked. Cleerly we cannot pay damages caused by the indiscreshun uv yoor own household."

Bascom simply replied: "Yoo won't pay, won't you? Very well. Consider this bar closed. Not another drop kin one uv yoo hev ontil the entire loss is made good—not a drop! I am a man uv few words."

This brought us to reason. The loss wuz divided into four parts, one each for the Deekin, myself, McPelter and Issaker, they three dividin my part ekally between em. They give their promissory notes for the amount, and we sot there till mornin. We didn't keer to go home, with the female end of the Corners in the condishin it wuz.

Then cum more trubble. Not one uv the wimmen got up in the mornin, and consekently the work about the houses wuz all left undone, and they announst ther determinashen to go to Bascom's ez soon ez they cood pull theirselves together and git up.

Wat is to become uv us I don't see. Ef they git to Bascom's ther will be no work done at all, and our supplies cut off, wat kin we do?

The women hev given us their ultimatum. They demand ez good cloze ez Mrs. Bascom, or they won't work a stroke. They don't see that wat they demand is impossible. We hev to spend all we kin get hold uv at Bascom's, and uv course ez all the money uv the Corners goes into Bascom's till, Mrs. Bascom kin git new cloze and they can't. The niggers' wives wich don't go to Bascom's hev good cloze, but that is becoz the niggers don't hev to hev likker. The niggers' wives and Mrs. Bascom is all that kin hev good cloze. Ef the niggers went to Bascom's ther wives woodent hev good cloze either.

Ther is trubble enuff in the Corners to appal the greatest statesman. I can't see the end uv it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Uncomfortable).

MORE TROUBLE AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 2, 1883.

That fiend, Joe Bigler, and his aider and abettor, Pollock, the Illinoy store-keeper, hev bin workin at Issaker Gavitt, and hev finelly got him. They hev succeeded in reversin the regler things by convinsin Issaker that Bascom is under obligashen to him, and not he to Bascom, and they hev worked the poor imbesil up to sich a pitch uv loonisy that Issaker hez organized a rebellion in the Corners, and is actilly movin to hev a tax put onto Bascom's biznis!

When it wuz fust perposed Bascom gasped with astonishment, and staggered and wood hev fell prostrate on the floor ef it hedn't bin for the bar wich perventid it.

"Tax me!" he gasped; "tax me—tax the likker biznis!! Wat becomes uv yer persnel liberty?"

And then Joe Bigler struck in.

"Yes, Bascom, we hev made up our minds to tax yoo. Issaker hez bin pourin a flood uv lite into my mind for sevral nites, and Mrs. Gavitt hez bin in the lite biznis herself.

"Mrs. Gavitt demands in thunder tones why it is the wives uv likker sellers wich hev silk dresses, shoes that button and red silk stockins, and not the wives uv likker drinkers? And then Issaker bethawt him uv the Dimekratic convenshen that wuz held here last fall, and the percession in the afternoon, and he wuz jist sober enuff to notis that the s'loon keepers uv the county in that splendid procession all rode in kerridges, wile the likker drinkers hooft it along thro the dust on foot.

"And Issaker hez been makin other investigashens with most startlin results. (Joe Bigler is a lier and a thief. These investigashens wuz all his—Issaker Gavitt hezn't sence enuff to investigate nothin.) Issaker went over to the poorhouse and diskivered the alarmin fact that 90 per cent uv them wich wuz there cum to it thro likker, and goin from there over to the court house he diskivered that 85 per cent uv the criminal biznis come from out uv red-headed barls, and then he found also that yoo

held a mortgage on all the property half-way to Secessionville, and from there on your brother-in-law, wich is in the same biznis, commenced with his mortgages wich extendid a ekal distance beyont.

"Now, Bascom, Issaker is alluz bothered about taxes when they come to be paid, and he hez yoonanimusly decideed, inesmuch ez yoo manufakter the paupers, and the criminels. wich makes taxes nessary, that in simple jestis yoo ought to pay suthin toward lessenin his burden. Issaker hez come to the conclusion that yoo ain't eggsackly a benefackter uv the hooman race, but quite the reverse, and he hez got to be sich a Cross Roads infiddle that he actilly holds now that his interests and yourn is antagonistik, and that yoo ain't goin to run the Corners no more. He hez rebelled. He is agoin to hev the likker biznis taxed, with the end in view uv lessenin his own taxes. He sez, and I must say I agree with him, that inesmuch ez yoo make the most uv the taxes, yoo ought to pay a part uv em, espeshily ez owin to the fact that yoo hold a mortgage onto his farm ez well ez his bowils and stumick, you hev all the money anyhow.

"And Mrs. Gavitt she hez rebelled, too, and swears that if Issaker can't keep out uv yoor place not a stroke uv work will she do, but he may starve, and moreover—"

Bascom coodent stand any more uv this sort uv heresy, but histed a bottle at Joe Bigler, who left the bar laffin in the most feendish way. He cum back in a minit and puttin his head thro the door exclaimed: "Stand by yer guns, Issaker! I'll keep ye in likker a few days, till yoor stumick is toned up, and then—"

He hedn't any more than gone than he sent a Methodist parson in, who, walkin up to Bascom, looked him square in the face and sed:

"Wo to him wich putteth the bottle to his naber'slips!"

"Git out uv my place!" yelled Bascom. "Is Bedlam broke loose? Put the bottle to my naber's lips, indeed! Wat kind uv bar-keepers did they hev in Joodee, that it reqwired a skriptooral injunkshen to pervent em from puttin a bottle to their naber's lips? Wat kind uv nabers did the Joodee bar-keeper hev, to make it safe to put a bottle to his lips? Do yoo spose I'd put a bottle to any uv my nabers' lips? Wood it be safe to put a bottle to Deekin Pogram's lips? That bottle wood remane glood to the old patriark's lips till every drop wuz eggsaustid. Puttin bottles to my naber's lips wood bankrupt me in two weeks. Ther ain't no necessity uv yoor preechin any sich doctrine ez that to me. I ain't much on skripter, but I do know the likker biznis."

By this time Issaker wuz becomin restlis, while Bascom wuz cool and collectid.

"Bascom," sed Issaker humbly, "set out the bottle."

"I understood yer a goin to inoggerate a movement to tax me?"

"We won't discuss that jist now," sed Issaker. "Set out the bottle."

"You can't hev a drop!" replied Bascom.

Issaker sot out this little conversashen and left for Pollock's store, leavin the rest uv us in a state uv demoralizashen. Ef this pore lunatic diskivers that he kin bulldoze Bascom he may git to bulldozin me, and ef the people ginerally diskiver that they kin git on without us, wat becomes uv the organizashen? Why Issaker Gavitt, ef he kin break away from sod-corn whisky, may git to votin the Republikin tikkit.

And ere these thots hed passed like litenin thro my mind there wuz a sound uv tin pans and dinner horns, and a perceshn uv these wimmen

haltid in front uv the door. They wuz Mirandy Pogram, Mrs. Gavitt and Mrs. Kernel McPelter. They wuz all without shoes and stockins, wich condishn they showed ruther conspicuously. Mirandy Pogram kerried a banner on wich wuz inskribed:

"Bascom Sells Likker and Our Husbands Drink It. Mrs. Bascom Wears Shoes wich Button, Red Silk Stockins and Silk Gowns. We Ain't Got Shoes or Stockins uv Any Kind, and Find Calico Difficult to Git. Red Stockins or Blud!"

Mrs. Gavitt hed another with this:

"Did Yoo Ever Know a Grosery Keeper's Wife to Go Barefoot?"

And Mrs. Kernel McPelter hed this inskripshen on hers:

"Is Our Husbands' Stumicks uv More Importance Than Our Feet?"

On the rite hand uv each banner wuz a pare uv red stockins, and under em:

"Wat Mrs. Bascom Wares!"

and on tother end a pare uv bare feet, and under them:

"The Stockins We Ware!"

And with these hidjus banners they startid off and paraded the streets, and every step they took wimmen jined ther ranks with tin horns and tin pans, till the entire female popelashen uv the Corners jined them. Joe Bigler stood calmly on the corner uv Bascom's, wonderin wat it wuz all about!

That feend painted every one uv them banners, and organized the perceshn.

Between Mrs. Bascom's insane ambition to wear noo cloze and Bigler and Pollock's feendish ingenooity in stirrin up disturbances, I am in a bad way. I wish I cood retire on a competence. I wood that some life inshoorence agent wood calkilate the chances uv life in me, and some distiller wood give me enuff barls to last that time out, and let me lay down to it in peece. Life is becomin too eggscitin for a man uv my age.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Almost disparin).

THE TROUBLE IS INTENSIFIED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 10, 1883.

Onless suthin happens to save us, the old organizashen at the Corners is gone, and I mite ez well dust out and seek pasters fresh. The foundashens uv the grate deep is broken up, and there is a choice and miscellaneous assortment uv hell afloat.

Joe Bigler and Pollock got hold uv Issaker Gavitt, and in conjunkshen with his wife, whom I wish the devil had, hev organized a conspiracy that bids fair to transform the Corners into a Noo England village, and leave me out into the cold altogether.

It is the same old trubble. Mrs. Bascom wood wear her red silk stockins, and wood sport her noo silk dresses.

She coodent help it—no woman kin. Give sich a woman ez Mrs. Bascom a noo silk dress and red silk stockins, and she wood wear em ef she knowed she hed to go to the stake the next minit. Female vanity is the spring uv woes unnumbered. Naturally, the wimmen uv the Corners rebelled, and Issaker Gavitt's wife developed an amount uv strategy wich I never supposed any woman ever hed.

She compelled Issaker to stay at home four days last week, and not

go to Bascom's at all. We missed him from his familiar seet and ther wuz gloom intensified. Bascom wuz glowry, the good old Deekin was sad, and Kernel McPelter murmured suthin about chaos comin agin. Bascom remarkt that he shood lose the art uv writin ef Issaker kept away much longer.

Yesterday at about 11 a. m. ther cum along in front uv Bascom's a perceshn wich startled us. It consisted uv a wagon drawd by one mule, and into it wuz Issaker Gavitt and his wife, both with banners.

Mrs. Gavitt sot on the left side with her dress pulled up onto her lap, so ez to expose a pair uv legs half-way up to the knee, clad in a pare uv red stockins, with patent leather shoes on the end uv em, and she held in her hand a banner onto wich wuz inscribed these legends:

"My husband hezn't bin to Bascom's for four days. He hez chopped cord wood and sold it. He hez milked the cows and helpt me to churn, and in them four days we hev sold truck enuff to buy me these shoes and stockins, with store garters, and him a biled shirt. The stockings ain't silk, but ef he keeps away from Bascom's two weeks longer I will hev silk stockins, and he will hev a decent soot uv cloze."

Issaker kerried a banner onto wich wuz this:

"At home and at work for four days. A biled shirt for the first time sence I wuz married."

Ez the perceshn passed Bascom's he tried to drop the banner and git out, but his wife held him down in his seet by the throat. He wuz conkered and subdood.

The effeck wuz electrickel. Every woman in the Corners cum out to see Issaker Gavitt's wife in stockins, suthin that hedn't happened to her for 20 years. The shoes excited em to madnis, the red stockins made em shreek, and when Joe Bigler jumped into the wagon, and, ez ef by axident, flirted up her dress so ez to show a pare uv bloo elastic garters, with white metal buckels, they absloutly howled The wimmen uv the Corners, not warin stockins ez a rool, don't hev no call for garters, and them ez do hev alluz bin obleeged to content t'erselves with a tow string.

Mirandy Pogram saw the site and she rushed into Bascom's and took her venerable father out by the ear.

"Wat yoo want to do," wuz her remark, "is to go home and go to work. Ef Issaker Gavitt kin, in four days, furnish his wife with shoes and red stockins, by keepin out uv Bascom's, yoo kin dress yoor dawter suthin like decent by the same process. Git."

And the good old Deekin moved off regretfully toward his home.

Then Mrs. McPelter she cum rushin in for the Kernel.

"Did yoo see," sed she, "wat Mrs. Gavitt hed on? Red stockins and shoes, and all earned in four days! I will hev em myself in four days or yoor a corpse. Wat Issaker Gavitt hez done yoo kin do."

And then all the wimmen in the Corners formed theirselves into the perceshn behind the wagon that Issaker wuz drivin, and they marched thro the Corners shoutin, "Red stockins or no meals!" "Shoes wich button or no grub!" and sich incenjary cries. And wat wuz wuss, they formed a gard and stood in front of Bascom's, and whenever one uv ther husbands wanted to come in they hustled him off, a committee bein appinted to worry his ears till he wuz willin to go home.

It wuz a dreary nite we hed at Bascom's. Ther wuz nobody but him and me, for no man in the Corners dared to show his face within a mile uv the place. Ther we sot, and sot, in gloomy silence. Bascom wuz so de-

prest that he never sed a word the fust time I stole behind the bar and helped myself to a reviver, nor did he object the second time. The third time he lifted his sad eyes and remarked: "Help yoorself to all yoo want. Everything is lost. Ther is a sperit uv disorganizashen abroad that will stop Hevin knows when and where. Help yourself. The tale mite ez well go with the hide."

And in sadnis I did help myself, till, overcome with emoshun, I slid off my chare onto the flore, and slept the sleep uv the just.

We mite hev knowed it wuz Joe Bigler wich organized the rebellion, him and Pollock. Joe Bigler got Issaker to promise to stay at home and work, and to compel him to keep his word, stayed by him with a club. He compelled him to churn the butter, and went with him to town with it, and ez ther wuzn't enuff uv it for his wife to buy the shoes and stockins for his wife, in order to make shoor uv the risin, Pollock took wat ther wuz, and furnisht the shoes and stockins anyhow.

Them two men hev bin eye-sores to the Corners for seventeen long, weery yeers, and ef litenin cood strike em it wood be a blessin to Bascom and me. But it won't. They hev the whip-row uv us, and they yoose ther advantages in the most feendish manner.

Where it will end the Lord only knows. Ef the wimmen git the upper hand uv ther husbands in the matter uv likker, why not in everything? Ef they kin compel ther husbands to stay away from Bascom's and stick to their work, why can't they compel them to vote ez they want em to? And when they git to warin biled shirts won't they quit the Dimocrisy anyhow?

Biled shirts and Dimocrisy is natural enemies. Issaker Gavitt sed yesterday that he hed no sooner put on a clean shirt than he began to feel like a Republikin, and wuz heerd to murmur suthin about the propriety uv taxin the groseries. This sperit uv insubordinashen is dangerous. Bascom is our key-stone, and that knocked out, the entire fabric crumples into dust.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Wretched).

THE FALL OF ISSAKER GAVITT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 12, 1883.

A holy calm pervades Bascom's now, wich is hevenly. The grate law that when a man wunst gits the appetite for likker it stays by him hez bin wunst more vindicatid.

Issaker Gavitt, under the fell inflooence uv his wife and Joe Bigler—more Bigler than wife—kep away from Bascom's, and for a week stayed at home and actilly worked. The proseeds uv his labor went to furnishin his wife with shoes that button, and red stockins, and elastic garters, with white metal buckles, and sich sooperflooities ez belong only to the wives uv men who sell likker, and with wich the wives uv them who drink likker hev nothin to do. They may look on and admire, but they must not hope to possess them theirselves.

But issaker cood not stand it. His wife and that feend, Joe Bigler, never let him cum to the Corners alone, but either one or both wuz by his side every time he wuz in the village. They kep him at work constantly, and hed him so organized that escape from his bondage seemed impossible.

But the nateral instinks uv the man assertid theirselves last nite. Issaker cum rushin breathlis into the bar room. He hed escaped without his hat and wuz ez pale ez tho he hed run an Injun gantlit successfully, escapin by the skin uv his teeth.

Staggerin up to the bar he asked that the old familyer bottle be set out. Then Bascom's strength made itself felt.

"I shel not sell you likker. Ef yoo want likker, go to yer noo frends, Bigler and Pollock."

Wat's the yoose uv bein a d—d fool!" retorted Issaker. "Yoo know I wuz entrapped by them feends, aided and abetted by my wife, and that I coodent help myself. Yoo know that, but yoo don't know how I suffered while under ther controle. I hev come back, and come to stay."

"Issaker, kin yoo pay for wat likker yoo want?"

"Not in cash," wuz the reply. "Wat I earned while I wuz at work went to the buyin uv cloze for my wife, but—"

"But wat?"

"Here is the cloze. They ain't jist money, but they cost money, and wat is better hey ain't all pade for. In selling you these articles uv luxury we are spilin the enemy. My wife owes Pollock for two-thirds ther valyoo, and ef I don't go back to work she kin never pay. Mrs. Bascom kin ware em. Red stockins and elastic garters fit all wimmin, and my wife's shoes will fit yoorn."

And Issaker lade on the bar the red stockins, the elastic garters with white metal buckles, and a pare uv shoes wich button, and a noo kaliker dress and some shirts.

"Here they all are," sed Issaker. "Everything. Take em, Bascom, take em; credit me up with wat they are wuth, not on back akkount, but on fucher drinks, and, and—forgive me."

Ther ain't nothin mean about Bascom. He hed jist ez soon take cloze ez money for likker, when he hez yoose for em; in fact I hev knowd him to take the last shirt a man hed ruther than let him go thirsty, and so he called in Mrs. Bascom and tossed the garmence over to her, wich she looked at and remarkt that they wood do for her hired girl, but wuzn't good enuff for a lady, and she flirted out.

Mrs. Bascom hed no more than got out uv the bar before Mrs. Gavitt kum in like a lionis rôbbed uv her young. Issaker hid behint the bar, and Bascom, the Deekin and I hustled her out and closed the door agin her. It wuz yoonanimusly resolved that the valyoo uv the property be immejitly consoomed, and with wat Bascom generally throwd in ther wuz enuff to last us till neerly 1 o'clock.

I slep that nite on the floor uv the the bar, the Deekin, Kernel McPutter and Issaker Gavitt startid for home, but depositid theirselves one at a time along the road, where they slep till the hot sun uv the mornin woke em to a realization uv the fact that they wuz human, and they crawled back to Bascom's.

Issaker is, however, in trouble. He went home at about 10 o'clock the next day, to git suthin to eat, and he found that Mrs. Gavitt hed stripped the house uv everything and skipped out. Issaker hed to cum back to Bascom's for suthin to eat, wich made more trubble. Ef Mrs. Gavitt does not come back and resoom her old place and work the farm, Bascom will hev to either quit sellin Issaker likker, or board him. A man can't spend his time at Bascom's and work a farm, too, and ef Mrs. Gavitt won't work the farm, wat is Issaker to do?

Man is uv few daze and full uv trubble. Ef Mrs. Gavitt wood come home and do ez she shood, work the farm keerfully, and let Issaker live like a man on the proseeds, Bascom wood be happy and so wood Issaker. But it is evident that she hez rebelled, and wat to do with Issaker is now the conundrum. Things don't go right in this imperfect world. We hed it all rite in the old slavery days when we workt our places with niggers, but now that the niggers is free and workin for thelrselves, and our wives abslootly refoose to take their places, it is mity close work for Bascom. It is a pity that the world can't be reorganized.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Puzzled and worried).

THE CORNERS HOLDS A MEETING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 28, 1883.

Somebody sent me a copy uv the Noo York Sun, containin the statement uv Senator Dorsey ez to how he kerried Injeany in 1880, wich I red to the Deekin, Issaker, Kernel McPe'ter and Bascom, and we yoonanimusly considered it uv suffishent importance to hold a meetin over. We hevn't hed a meeting uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners for some time, and it wuz considered that to hold one a this time mite do some good. The workmen at the rollin mill hev bin makin some inroads onto us, and the taxin uv s'loons in Ohio hez creatid a feelin here that it is dangerus. The movements that are bein made to tax Bascom and his brother-in-law at Seceshnville hez creatid an oneasinis in our minds wich it wuz felt that suthin wuz necesary to remove. Dimocrisy can't git on without free whisky. They is twin sisters.

Therefore we thot a meetin uv the Dimocrisy to discuss Republikin corrupshen wood be a good thing, ez tendin to divert the minds uv our people from dangerus heresies.

The meetin-house wuz lited with candles, ez yoosual, and the Corners turned out ez uv yore. I took my seet in the pulpit ez ex-offisho cheerman, and Issaker Gavitt, bein ez he kin write, is alluz electid secretary.

To be prepared, I hed in my pokkit a series uv preamble and resolooshens wich I hed drawd up, ez follows:

Wareas, Stephen W. Dorsey, actin for the Republikin party in 1880, went into the state uv Injeany, and bot up Dimekratic voters for $2 a head, theeeby kerryin that state for Garfield, instid uv lettin it go naterally for Hancock, and

Wareas, Corrupshen in elecshuns is subversive uv republikin institutions, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Democrisy uv the Corners enter ther sollum protest agin any party wich buys Dimocrats, and holds to the bleef that no sich party is fit to be entrusted with power.

Resolved, That the Republikins must go.

I opened the exercises by remarkin that the recent disclosures uv the corrupshen in the Republikin party wuz uv a caracter to alarm every man wich beleeeved in a pure government, in a government by the people, for the people, and uv the people. When men cood deliberately take $400,000 and buy up voters, the republik wuz in danger, and the shreek uv freedom mite be reasonably expected in the immejit fucher. When a man goes into a state with $400,000, and kerries that state by buyin up voters at $2 a head, freedom not only ought to shreek, but her squawk shood be vigrus and heerd all over the land.

Joe Bigler riz then, and wantid specificashens. Wher wuz this done and by whom?

I replied that it is charged that Stephen W. Dorsey, in 1880, when Garfield wuz the Republikin candidate, and Hancock the Dimekratic, went into the state uv Injeany and corruptly bought up venal voters at $2 a head, wich kerried the state for Garfield. "Sich infamus corrupshen," I continnered, "wuz enuff to make the very blood bile in the vanes uv every Dimekrat."

"May I ask," replied Josef, "wat pekoolyer style uv voters the corrupt Stephen corruptly bought up at $2 per head?"

"Wat kind uv voters wuz corruptid? Why the Dimocrisy uv course. And permit me to say, sir, that a spectacle uv a man goin into a Dimekratic state buyin up Dimekrats at $2 a head is one kalkilatid to—"

Deekin Pogram remarkt that the spektikle wuz indeed terrible—he didn't think $2 wuz enuff for an able-bodied Dimocrat. They shood hev demandid not less than $3.50.

Then I continyood.

"Wat we are met to consider is this: Stephen W. Dorsey, a minyun uv the Republikin party, took $400,000 in money, all in $2 notes, and went into Injeany and bought Dimekratic votes enuff to kerry the state and paid for em. He—"

There wuz a scene uv indescribable confooshun. The awjence riz to their feet ez one man and yelled, "'Rah for Dorsey!"

I didn't present my resoloosheus. It wasn't the stile of awjence for that pertikeler kind.

It wuz in vane that I told em that that wuz not wat they wuz to cheer fur, but to no purpus. They continnered to "'Rah for Dorsey!" till the meetin-house fairly rung agin. One old mossback wich lives between the Corners and Seceshnville wantid to know why Dorsey didn't come to Kentucky? Wuz Injeany the only state he wantid to kerry? And he went on to remark that the cheerman uv this meetin to whom hed bin confided the intrests uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and who wuz poperly supposed to be a sort uv shepherd, ez it were, hed neglected the intrests uv his flock in permittin money to go to the currupshen uv the Dimocrisy uv Injeany without givin the Dimocrisy uv Kentucky a show at it. While—ez the Deekin hed remarkt—$2 wuz a mity low price, still he never remembered a day in his nateral life that a $2 bill woodent hev come handy.

And then the awjence hissed me fur lettin this money git away in Injeany without givin Kentucky a chance at it.

Another ardent Dimekrat wantid to know ef Dorsey wuz to run the Republikin campane next yeer, and ef so, wood he hev $400,000 more to spend among the Dimocrisy uv any one pertikler state, and ef so he moved that the president uv this meetin be instructid to open negoshiashens to wunst.

Joe Bigler wuz movin about among em, puttin all sorts uv stuff into ther heads, and they got out uv my controle entirely.

He hed the impedence to propose a resoloosheu like this:

Resolved, That what the kentry ought to do is to entrust its government to the controle uv a party, the members of which kin be bought up at $24 a dozen, cash.

Ez a meetin to indignate over corrupshen in buyin votes it wuz beginnin to hev the look uv a fallyoor. It reely looked ez tho the whole

bilin uv em wuz reddy to go over to the Republikins in a body, pervided anybody shoo appear with a carpet-bag uv green-bax.

But I wuz ekal to the emergency, ez I ginerally am. Insistin upon silence for a minit, I told em that Dorsey wood probably never run another politikle campane. to wich they remarkt in korus that it wuz a d——d shame that they didn't git in while he wuz runnin one. Then I went on to remark that while Dorsey wood never agin appear among em, that our candidate wood doubtlis be the pure and good Tilden, uv Noo York.

Then they all groaned in korus, and sed that Tilden wood expect to kerry Kentucky without disbursements, and that his barl wood be poured out over the doubtful states, to wich I replied that that wuz ez we ourselves shood elect. Tilden hed a barl wich wuz bigger than any one Dorsey ever hed, and that the incorruptible Dimocrisy uv Kentucky hed it in ther power to make it warm for him unless he did come down handsomely, and ez Tilden hed more money than cood be hoped for from any Republikin, the dooty uv the incorruptible Dimocrisy uv the Corners wuz cleer. It wuz alluz well to stick by yer party onless yoo wuz shoor yoo cood git a bigger price by goin over to another. The Dimekratic patriot uv the most limitid intelleck cood see the pint to this.

This apparently satisfied em, and we all adjourned to Bascom's in good humor. Bascom, ez he alluz does after a Dimecratic gathering, did a boomin biznis, and ez the craps hed jest bin sold he wuz gratified that the most uv it wuz in cash. Politically the Corners is once more serene. We are waitin anxusly, however, for the Presidenshel campane to open, for the Corners is athirst. A candidate with money is wat we want. A candidate with money is our rock in the wilderness, and I am the Moses to smite it. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Waitin).

MR. NASBY GOES TO OHIO.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 6, 1883.

Things bein somewat quiet at the Corners, I concloodid to go over into Ohio to do suthin toward helpin the sturdy Dimocrisy uv the pivotal state in kerryin this fall. Bascom wuz willin that I shood go, ez every minit I spend away from the Corners lesens the amount that he charges to me fur likker, and I felt that I must go to help to bring the mossbax of Ohio back to their allegiance. Our candidate in Ohio hez a record that needs a good deal uv explainin to the average Dimocrat. Like a kickin gun, ther is great danger in Judge Hoadly's rear. The best reasons for votin agin him kin be found in his own speeches uv ten years ago.

The first pint I struck wuz Peterville, in the Suthern part uv the state. I wuz reseeved with open arms, ez every troo apossel uv Dimocrisy is in that sort uv a village. The place is very like the Corners, the biznis consistin mostly uv a grosery or two, and the inhabitance bein, ez a rool, statesmen whose wives do the heft uv the work while they are devisin ways and means to pay orf the nashnel debt leenin agin sign posts or sittin contemplatively on dry goods boxes whittlin the rosy hours away. In sich places Dimocrisy alluz runs rampant. There is where we git our heaviest majorities.

The yoosual meetin wuz called, and after a conference with the prinsipal grosery keepers it wuz desidid that I shood speek upon the infamus

Scott Law, wich taxes the s'loon keepers $200 for the privilege uv gettin mortgages upon ther nabors' farms. I accedid to ther request, for ther ain't anything wich kin so stir the blood uv the avrige Dimocrisy ez a law wich tends to embarrass the dispenser uv the elixir uv life and hamper them in any way.

It wuz a good meetin. Ther wuz present all the citizens uv the village and all the farmers from the kentry adjacent, and I hed good hopes uv sowin seed wich wood bring forth harvest in October.

I fortified myself with facts and figgers and opened out onto em.

"Feller citizens," I commenced, "Dimocrisy is the champion uv hooman rites—that is, fur white men."

"Rah!" yelled the meetin in korus.

"Dimocrisy holds that every manhez the sole rite to controle hisself, and that any law wich sez wat a man shel or shel not do is a infringement on God-given rites."

"Rah!"

"A Republikin legislacher last winter committed a outrage on the Dimocrisy. It passed the Scott law. Wat is the Scott law, my frends? It is a law wich imposed a tax onto the keepers uv wet groceries, $100 for the sellin uv beer, and $200 for the sellin uv other likkers, wich is jest ez necessary ez beer for the sustenance uv the hooman family."

The awjence groaned in korus.

"Wat is the result? Under Dimokratic rool the s'loons went on quiet, doin their legitimit biznis. No tax collector cum round to disturb em; yoo cood all cum in when yoo pleased and git yer sustenance, and things wuz happy and pleasant. Wat is it now? Ther is 80 s'loons in this county and the Republikin feends hev taxed em $200 each, wich they hev paid. Ther is to-day $16,000 in the county trezry, wich hev bin wrung out uv ther biznis, and—"

Up sprung a old farmer from a adjoining township.

"Do I understand," sez he, "that the Scott law hez collectid $16,000 from the s'loon biznis?"

"That's the size uv it," sez I.

"Does that money go to payin the taxes uv the county?"

"It do," I replied, "$16,000 rung from the s'loons."

"Ef figgers don't lie, that's about one-fifth uv all the taxes the county hez to pay. My taxes afore this wuz about $100 a year, and next yeer I shel hev only about $80 to pay, wich is 20 per cent off."

And then this mersenary old wretch yelled: "'Rah for the Scott Law!"

"Yoo musn't 'rah for the Scott law," I yelled to the infatuatid loonatics. "Yoo ain't here to 'rah fur the Scott law, but agin it. We are goin to vote to repeel the Scott law."

I mite ez well hev talked to the North wind. Every blastid tax-payer in the awjence jined him, and they all got to ther feet and remarkt in korus that persnel liberty wuz a blessid thing, and in any struggle fur the maintenance uv persnel liberty they'd send substitoots, with muskits on their shoulders, ez willinly ez they did for the maintenance uv the Yoonyun, doorin the late fratrisidle struggle, but inezmuch ez they cood git all the likker they mite want at the regler price, five cents fur beer and ten cents fur whisky strate, they coodent see how persnel rites wuz interfered with at all. But the makin the s'loons pay one-fifth uv the taxes wuz a sweet boon wich coodent be too hily commendid.

And instid uv passin resoloosheng condemnin the Scott law, blast me ef they didn't pass one endorsin it.

It wuz in vane that I attempted to stem the tide. I hed prevusly insistid that Jedge Hoadly wuz committed agin the law, and that the only way to do away with it wuz to vote for him, and so they passed a resolooshen endorsin Jedge Foraker ez a man uv ability and rectitood uv carikter, wich wuz a ornament to the state, and in spite uv all I cood do they adjourned with three cheers for him.

It is sad, but it is so. Poor, weak humanity can't hold to a prinsiple when it conflix with intrests. I ain't shoor but we shel hev to git our state committy together and put a suppplemental plank in our platform endorsin the Scott law and claimin that we are the originaters uv it.

We are alluz several months behind in gettin forward. We shood hev caught onto this sooner. Come to think uv it, a savin uv one-fifth uv the taxes is a ruther big thing for the tax-payers, and now that I put my gigantic intelek onto it, I reely don't see wat special interest the man wich drinks likker hez in the man wich sells it. I shel go back to Kentucky, wher ther is no sich nonsense ez ta in likker, and wher the fact that the consoomer buys entirely upon credit gives the s'loon man a hold onto em wich he can't break. That's the kind uv a kentry for me.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Disgustid).

THE DEMOCRACY OF THE CORNERS DISSATISFIED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 10, 1883.

There is wide-spred dissatisfackshen among the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and I confess to sharin in it myself. When we heerd that Dorsey, in 1880, hed gone into Injeany with $400,000 and bought up Dimekrats at even the ridicklus price uv $2 a head, the iron fust entered our sole. Nobody comes to Kentucky corruptly buyin uv us up, becoz we are countid on ez entirely shoor anyhow.

I hev notist in pollitix that the men wich wuz bought up wuz alluz them wich wuz onsartin. The stiddy voter, the man wich kin alluz be dependid onto, gits no crums. Them is throwd to the doubtful fellers, wich joodishusly hold off till they find wich way their interest lies. Them are alluz the ones wich are seen.

The trubble wuz intensified when we heerd that Jedge Hoadly, uv Ohio, paid $50,000 for delegates to sekoor his nominashen. $50,000! Deekin Pogram drawd a long sigh, sayin that it wuz the one regret uv his life that he wuz not a Ohioan. $50,000! That money, joodishusly and eekitably dividid, wood make many a man comfortable, in a state wher the best uv likker is only 10 cents per single drink, and proporshunately low by the quart.

Issaker Gavitt sed he hed borne the heat and burden uv the day for yeers, but he hed never hed a chance to be corruptly bot up. It wuz a burnin shame. Kernel McPelter sed he hed never reseeved anything ceptin an occashunal invitashen to take suthin, wich, however convenyent it mite be at the time, cood not be dependid onto ez a reliance.

Bascom remarkt that it wood be better ef we hed a Republikin party in Kentucky, so ez to stir up the Dimekratic leeders up to the expenditoor uv suthin jist afore convenshuns and eleckshuns. He hed a brother in the s'loon biznis at Petersville, in Ohio, wich

alluz calkilated on hevin a hundred or two dollars every fa from the Dimekratic candidates to yoose in joodishus treetin, and hi place wuz a good deel more a part uv the Dimekratic organizashen tha the noosepapers. The heft uv the Dimocrisy uv that seckshun didn't un derstand noosepapers, but every man uv em cood realize wat a three-fin gered drink uv noo whisky meant. That langwage they all understood.

I sympathise with em fully. Wat the Dimocrisy uv the Corners want is more Dorseys among Republikins and more Hoadlys among the Dimo krats. Wat we need is a man wich wants to be governor wich will cur up like a man, with his pockits full uv money, and say to a delegashun "Here, I want to be governor. I hev $50,000 about my person, wich yoo ar welcome to. Durbin Ward wants to be governor, too. Very good; he he the rite to run. But hez he $50,000? How much kin he pay yoo for yoo votes? Nuthin? Well, then, wat good is he to yoo? Here's the boodle."

And then we shod take his $50,000 and nominate him. That simpli fies pollytix. That makes the dooty uv the average Dimekrat so clee that he who runs may reed—the figgers on a bank-note. It dees the prope thing for everybody. Jedge Hoadly wants to be governor—he gits it—we want $10 bills, and we git em. And ez the man wich buys his nom inashen in this way ginerally intends to make it up out uv his offis, afte he is electid, there cums subsequent divvys wich gives us a comfortabl subsistence and makes things easy all around.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, hungerin and thirstin, espeshly thirstin demand in thunder tones that they must be corruptly bot up.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky want to know who is the fucher Dorsey and Hoadlys, and do they mean biznis in Kentucky?

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky want to knew ef they ain't wuth ez muc per head ez the Dimocrisy uv Ohio and Injeany?

I think we shel encurridge the organizashen uv a Republikin party i Kentucky, so ez to git it close enuff to make a Dimekrat's vote wuth suth in. The Dimocrisy uv Injeany and Ohio hev the bulge onto us. They gi actooal cash for ther votes, commensin with the convenshuns, ez dele gates, and endin with ther votes at the poles. That is becoz ther is op posishen to the Dimocrisy in them st ates. We langish on okkashene drinks, and now and then a loan from a candidate wich wants a littl bigger majority than anybody elee.

The Dimocrisy uv Kentucky, wich furnishes the votes will never b happy till the Republikins git show enuff in the state to hev em send Dor seys down here to corruptly buy us up, at so much a head, and th Dimekrats git Hoadlys enuff to spend $50,000 for a nominashen. Then th rank and file uv the Dimocrisy will hev money in their breeches jist th same ez they do in Ohio and Injeany, and the s'loon biznis will be pu upon a cash basis.

We shel to wunst permit the organizashen uv a Republikin party a the Corners, allowin it to git jist large enuff to be dangerous, and no large enuff to controle. Then Bascom will be better satisfied and we she all be happy.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman).

MR. NASBY REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 17, 1883.

For the first time in twenty-five years, the Dimocrisy hev it in ther power to rise from the ashes uv defeat and attain the height and summit uv politikle power. For the fust time sence its stars sot in 1860, and kep sot while we wuz fitin to defend the eternal and unquenchable doctrin uv states' rites, darin on the feeld wat we hed enunshiated in council, we kin, ef we are wise, resoom the ranes uv power and controle the destiny uv the kentry.

The past twenty yeers hev bin sole-depressin and spirit-sinkin to the averige Dimocrat. We hev bin kep out uv offis, and hev bin compelled to subsist ez best we cood, on sich lo cle triumfs ez the folly uv our enemies throwd in our way. We hev drunk uv the waters uv hoomiliashen, and fed on the husks uv politikle helplisness.

But even adversity hez its yooses. Sampson diskivered honey in the carcass, and everything evil hez something good in it. Hed the Dimocrisy bin in power for the last twenty yeers the government wood not hev bin wuth plunderin, for it wood hev bin milked to the degree uv makin it hardly wuth while hevin controle uv it. The only excuse ther is for drinkin is to hev suthin to economise on when yoo need to economise. We hev bin kep out uv place, it is troo, and the Republikins hev bin in power; but while we wuz starvin they wus nussin the government and keepin it to that pint uv fatnis that it will stand vigrus milkin for a number uv yeers. With a treasury full and overflowin, with a system wich will bring any amount more than they may want, it is well for those who hev outlived the hunger uv 25 years that we hev bin kep out.

Wat we want to do is to drop a tear for them wich hez bin starved out and hev died uv hunger, and let us wich hev hed facilities for borrerin enuff to sustain us, so manage that we kin take advantage uv the new condishuns, and emansipate ourselves from the thraldom uv chance livin, and fasten ourselves upon the government permanently.

I don't know whether the Dimocrisy hev got sense enough or not to run the campanes between now and 1884 with enuff discreshun to win the grate fite ahead uv us, wich is to determine whether our leaders are to revel in the fat pasters of official life or continyoo to eggsist on the barren stubble uv non-official position. It hez bin our fate, thus fur, to kick over our kittle of fish jist when we hed the fire bilin under it, and I presoom it will be so this time. We are the most gifted kickers-over uv kittles uv fish uv any organizashen that ever existed. Power ruther hurts us. When we git into posishen to do suthin we invariably commit some lunacy wich makes it impossible for us to do it.

I notis with alarm that many uv our noosepapers and speekers are bawlin for free trade, and that when it is necessary for us to carry Pennsylvany, Connecticut and the Southern states wich are gittin into manufactrin. Wat loonacy! Them zealots don't seem to understand that the first and prinsiple thing for us to consider is the postoffises and the custom houses. That is the reel ishoo with us wich hev bin out in the cold for 24 weery yeers, and that is the only thing to consider. The pint is to beet the Republikin party, and to wrest from ther keepin the pleasant pos-

ishens they hev held so long and put ourselves into them for four yeers anyhow.

To do this we must hev votes, and to git votes we must accommodate ourselves to the wishes uv the individual voter. Ef it wus practicable, we shood hev a platform in Pennsylvany wich wood declare for a high protective tariff, and another for Illinoy wich wood be free trade, that is, ef we diskivered that Illinoy wanted free trade. But inesmuch ez the people uv Pennsylvany read Illinoy Dimocratic papers, and vice versa, that woodn't answer, and likewise it wood be ruther renchin on a Dimekratic speeker who hed bin howlin for free trade in Illinoy to howl ekally for protection in Pennsylvany. We must be akoot enuff to make a platform on wich all kin stand, and wich all will be satisfied with, and one that kivers all sides uv the whole ground.

That plaform is simply one demandin sternly a tariff for revenoo. A tariff for revenoo means suthin, or nothin, jist ez you are a mind to take it. It is a convertible ijee. In Pennsylvany it kin be explained—and rite here I want to say that a platform ain't wuth a soo markee for our purposes wich don't hev to be explained. Ef it hez to be explained, then yoo kin explain it in any way yoo choose, and kin make it soot all latitudes and longitoods. For instance, "A Tariff for Revenoo" wood be explained in Pennsylvany to mean perteckshun uv the most pertecktinest kind, one wich wood give every workman big wagis and plenty uv work.

In Illinoy, on the other hand, it wood be explained ez meanin a reduckshen uv the tariff to jist the bare pint uv pervidin revenoo for the government, practically free trade, wich is to say ez neer free trade ez it wood be safe to go under eggsistin circumstances.

In mixed distriks, wher the sentiment is about ekally balanced, it wood be explaned ez meanin war upon monopolies, that bein alluz a safe cry, jist the same ez reform.

Wich is to say, in protective states the platform wood be twisted over to protection, with a howl for reform, candidly admittin that the tariff shood be lowered on all the artikles wich that seckshun don't perdoose, but holdin sternly for perteckshen on all the artikles that that seckshun does perdoose. In seckshuns wher the sentiment run to free trade it wood mean tariff reform with a leanin toward absloot free trade. In both seckshuns we shood look wise and remark, "We are with yoo, but go slow."

In Ohio, wher the likker question is the disturbin element, and wher we hev to deside betwixt the people and the s'loons, the same thing must be done. We can't endorse the Scott law, wich inikitusly taxes the s'loons, without offendin the s'loon people, and we can't oppose it without offendin the people at large. Wat we want to do is to howl for a stringent license law, wich don't commit us to anything. License is in the fucher, and at the Democrisy promise shood alluz be a long way in the fucher. It's the present that we want. While license wood soot the majority uv the people, the s'loons know it can't be had, and a agitashen for license kills the Scott law wich is onto em now. The people kin be satisfied with the promise uv a stringent license law, and the s'loons with the promise uv the repeel uv the Scott law, wich is grindin. Ther ain't nothin easier than to promise—afore an eleckshun.

Uv course somebody is goin to be swindled, but it won't be our successful candidates, nor them wich grabs the appintments after the eleckshun. It won't be them wich git the postoffises and custom houses. That nigger, Lubbock, wich hez held the postoffis at the Corners for eight long yeers,

may howl, but he can't howl the seal off my commishn nor keep me from drawin my salary reglerly, and payin cash for my likker, inshoorin me a constant and regler supply. No matter who is fooled we hev the power and are sekoor for four yeers, anyhow, and by that time most uv the old guard will hev gone hence where postoffises won't trubble nobody.

The pint is to win the fite ahead uv us, and to do that acootnis is necessary. The radikels must be retired to the rear, and men uv sense come to the front. We must wipe off uv our banners the old motto uv "Free Trade," and inscribe in its place "Tariff for Revenoo Only," or "Tariff Reform," and under that march confidently into Pennsylvany jist the same ez in Illinoy, and win. Any other path than this leeds to certin defeet.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman).

MR. NASBY HAS A DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 1, 1883.

Others besides the profits, and them in holy writ, hev dreems, and ef dreems wuz profetik in the daze uv old why not now? Troo, they wuz inspired, and ther dreems wuz inflooenced from the hed, while mine come mostly from the stumick, wich is fittin. Ther ain't no espeshl hed in the average Dimekrat to inflooence, while all uv em hev stumick. A angel hoverin round wuz the coz uv dreems in the profetik days uv yore, while mine is sooperindoost mostly by cold pork or bolony sassige. That's the difference atween the dreem uv a profit and the dreem uv a Dimekrat.

I dreemed last nite. I hed bin partakin uv a free lunch wich Bascom sot in honor uv his 25th anniversary, and ez Deekin Pogram hed jist sold a mule for cash, he wuz libral in settin uv em up, and the result wuz I rolled under the table and slept all nite, Bascom crooelly lockin up the bar so that ef I shood awake I coodent do him any damage by takin drinks and forgittin to mark em down. Foolish man! Ez tho I woodent mark em down! Ez I never eggspect to pay anyhow, why shoodent I mark em down?

But I slept and dreemed. I dreemed that we hed looked over the hull feeld and desided that by keerful and akoot management we cood elect a Dimekratic President in 1884. Somehow the management uv the entire biznis hed sort o' drifted into my hands, and I wuz marshellin the forces and makin the disposishen uv everything connectid with the campane.

"Now look-a-here," I remarkt to em, "ther seems to be a prejoodis agin the old stile Dimocrat. A record sich ez we hev is a mity bad thing for a party wich is goin to fite a battle on the single ishoo uv reform, and with the one single war-cry, "The rascals must go!" In sich a fite them wich hez bin objeckshunable to the people at large must keep in the background till after the fite is won. Ez the ishoos is to be new, we want the corpses to remane berried until jist after the battle, mother, when they may resurrect and come in for the spoils ez fast ez they hev a mind to. Only they must lay low till after the ides uv November, 1884."

That wuz agreed to ez bein mity good sense, and I perseeded to arrange the line uv battle. I shoved the old Dimocrisy into the background, all them with butternut clothin, and put in the front rank the noo recruts wich we hed won from the Republikin party, and sich cleen-shirted

Dimocrats ez hed come up sence the war, and wich hedn't ez yit entirely gradooatid in our skool, and a very handsome line I made uv it. The next question wuz, who shood we hev fur standard barer? I wuz castin about lookin fur some Goliath uv Gath without a damagin record, and one with wind and limb enuff fur our purpose, some young man—too young to hev bin obnoxious doorin the late onpleastantnis, and who hed bin out uv the kentry ever sence.

I coodent find exactly the man, but finally desided on hevin Hancock to the front, notwithstandin his defeet four years ago. A bloo uniform takes well at the North, and the South, jedgin the man by his company, hev no objeckshun to it. They are shoor uv a man wich trains with us, no matter wat color the yooniform he wears. And I grouped about him Ben Butler, who actilly did hang a man wunst, and Hoadly, uv Ohio, and a hundred or more very new Dimocrats, ez many more Republikins wich hed gone off with Greely and stayed, and others wich becomin disgustid with the corrupshens uv Grant, who woodent give em places, hed sought the companionship uv Tweed and Tilden. It wuz a very pretty show I made with em, and our front looked as innosent and gilelis ez noo milk.

But misforchoon alluz follows Dimocrisy. Jist ez I had em all arranged ole Sammy Tilden cums rollin and staggerin to the front loadid with his war record, his Tweed biznis, his Oregon cipher biznis and his literary buro, and all the rest uv it, hangin to him; so loadid down in fact that he coodent waddle, much less run, and he snatched the banner out uv my hand and with a smile that wuz sweetnis itself, remarkt:

"Uv course I must kerry this!"

"The blazes yoo will!" sed I. "You?"

"Certinly—I must be vindicated. Ef we don't vindicate me, wat is the yoose uv a Dimekratic victory? Ef Dimekrats wich hev borne the heat and burden uv the day, ain't put to the front, why Dimocrisy?"

He passed down the line till he staggered to the center and bumped agin Hancock, wich stood on a slippery place (all in our ranks stand on slippery places), wich knocked Hancock off his pins, and he went on with his orashun:

"A Dimekratic victory without me to the fore woodent be a Dimekratic victry at all. It is doo me. I wuz defrauded out uv the Presidency. I bot the Presidency and pade for it a good millyun uv dollars uv hard cash. But I didn't git it. It is my turn now. I must be vindicatid."

"Avant!" I shreeked. "We ain't in the vindicatin biznis. We don't want vindicahsens—we want postoffises. Wat do we keer for vindicashens? Git out."

But it wuz uv no avail. With strength for wich I didn't give him credit he clutched the banner and held it, loaded ez he wuz.

And immejitly ther wuz a movenment from behind that wuz appallin. John Kelly, wich I hed hid in the rear rank, plunged to the front, and all the old Copperheds and Secesh uv the old times cum rushin up in plane site, all remarkin that ef they wuzn't to be vindicatid why a fite at all? and all uv em claimin that the cheef end uv the Dimocrisy wuz to vindicate them. This one grabbed a postoffis, wich, he sed, wuz necessary to his vindicashen, another a custom house, another a nominashen to the governorship uv his state, and so on all around. It wuz ez perfeck a pandemonium ez ever I see. And to make the matter wuss, the rush wuzn't confined to the livin. The ghosts uv ded Dimekrats hovered over em, smilin, sayin that while they coodent vote or be

votid for, ther memories must be vindicatid, and without sich vindicashen there wuz no yoose uv a Dimocrisy at all. The gost uv Boss Tweed sailed in and that uv Jesse D. Brite, uv Injeany, wich ought to hev bin forgotten fifteen years ago, wuz very prominent, and in breef ef ther wuz a man livin espeshly obnoxious to the people, or the gost uv a man whose memory wuz pertiklerly unsavory, they wuz all ther and very conspicuous.

The effeck wuz suthin electrikle. The dissatisfied Republikins wich hed drifted into our ranks becoz uv our civil servis biznis and differences on the money question and the tariff and sich causes, held ther noses a minit and then began a stampede.

"Ther ain't no yoose," sed they in korus. "It's the same cussid old party after all. Dimocrisy never learns anything and never forgets anything."

They scurried away as tho they believed Asiatic cholera hed struck the assemblage, and the quicker they got out the better for them, and the other class uv patriotic Republikens wich hed jined us moved off slowly, swearin that onless they hed the controle uv the offises they didn't see any reason for their stayin in sich company—that they'd bedam ef they wuz goin to rooin therselves pullin chesnuts out uv the fire for other men. And they went, leavin us jest the same old material, with no more chance uv winnin than Capt. Webb hed uv swimmin the rapids at Niagara.

Jist then I awoke. The sun wuz shinin thro the winders uv Bascom's, and the hired gal wuz sweepin the flore preparatory to the day's biznis. I thot a moment and thot. Ded men don't die when the breth leaves em. Ded men hev long fingers. Long after they are under ground they reach and reach, with a more wicked grip than they hed in life. Vallandigham is ded, yet speaketh, and Boss Tweed's memory is yet potent for evil to us. So long ez we hold to the shadow uv Boss Tweed so long we hev to bear his substance. We can't get rid uv Boss Tweed or Vallandigham till we hev showed that we hev abandoned the idees uv Boss Tweed and Vallandigham. We hev inherited a record wich we hevn't purged ourselves uv, becoz, no matter ez to our men, the motives and methods are precisely the same. Yoo may paint over the spots uv a leopard and cut off the tale uv a fox—but the one will still chaw up antelopes and the other steel chickens. Dimocrisy is Dimocrisy, no matter how it is disgised.

Wuz this dreem profetic? I think so. I am sore and sad. Ef wat I dreem comes to pass, and it looks ez tho it wood, that nigger, Lubbock, on whose hed cusses, will hold the postoffice four yeers longer, and by that time I shel be wher postoffises are not, and wher it makes no difference to me who is President. Well, be it so. I am fastened onto Bascom and the Deekin for the present, and that is good enuff for one whose whole life hez bin a struggle for a very little bread and a very great deel uv likker.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despondent).

MR. NASBY'S SLEEP IS TROUBLED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 10, 1883.

It is curus, but uv late I skeerse'y ever git into bed or fall asleep anywhere that I don't dreem. Ef this thing don't stop I shell become a regler Dimekratic St. John, and set up ez a Sleepin Profit. I hed a dreem

last nite wich made sich a vivid impreshn on my mind that it is before me to-day jist ez distinc ez it wuz when it wuz passin afore me.

Methawt I wuz sittin in our Dimekratic committy room, in charge, and wuz ponderin onto the chances uv the grate event wich is to come off in 1884. All uv a sudden ther wuz a blindin lite, suthin we don't keer about in Dimekratic committy rooms, wich lite sort uv intensified, the lite solidifyin, ez it were, into suthin tangible, growin darker and darker, ontil it settled into a dim and shadowy resemblance uv the forms uv three men. I hed no trubble in recognizin uv em. They wuz Androo Jaxon, Martin Van Booren and Jeems Bookannon. I offered em cheers, wich they acceptid, smilin sperit smiles at the courtesy, and commenst conversin affably to-wunst.

"Well! well!" sed Jaxon, "this is a Dimecratic committy room. It is a long time sence we hev seen a Dimekratic committee room. Somehow we don't see many Dimekrats wher we are. They are skase uv late yeers. They must be either long-lived, or ther ain't many uv em."

"Father uv Dimocrisy," I replied, addressin the ghost, "this is a Dimekratic committy room, and I am cheerman uv the committy. But when yoo say yoo don't see many Dimekrats where yoo are, may I ask ez to yoor present locashen?"

"Certinly, my son, certinly. We are in Heaven. But how is the good coz prosperin?" asked Jaxon. "Yoo are approachin the conflict uv 1884, and we trust yoo hev matters so arranged ez to make success certin."

"We hev faith we shel win the fite," I replied.

"On wat do yoo base yoor hopes, may I ask?"

"Certinly," I sed. "To begin with, we hev in our interest the great majority uv the gin mills, all uv em, in fact, in Noo York, and with the repeeters in that city, and the plunder uv the city government, that bein in our controle entirely, we kin hev any majority ther that we ask fur to counterbalance the Republikin majorities in the rooral districts."

This I sed with a pleasant chuckle, at wich ther afces grew black ez a thunder cloud.

"Yoo don't meen to say," said Jaxon, "that the grate Dimekratic party depends onto gin mills and money to buy votes, and the plunder uv cities to kerry eleckshuns, do yoo?"

"Bless yoor inosent sole, yoo ought to be interdoost to Sammy Tilden, our standard bearer," I replied.

Androo's face growd darker and darker.

"Go on," sed he; "wat else?"

"Well, we hev solid and shoor all the lower grade uv the Irish popelashen, all uv them wich vote whether they hev bin nateralized or not, them in Noo York and Shecago wich we immejitly put onto the p'leece force, after they vote, and wich are convenyent to do our ruff fitin. We hev them shoor, and in big cities they are very yooseful to us. Yoo see a healthy, active one will vote four or five times in a day, besides doin other work that is necessary."

The three uv em choked ez tho suthin wuz stickin in ther throtes.

"Go on," they sed, "wat else?"

"Well, owin to the ackshen uv some uv the Republikin legislachers taxin the sale uv likker, and sich things, we hev sekoored a fair share uv the German vote, tho that is not reliable for us. But to make up for that we hev corralled the nigger vote in the South. We yoose shot-guns ez persuaders, and ef a nigger won't vote with us, why he don't vote at

all. It ain't helthy for a nigger to appear at the poles with a Republikin ticket in any uv the Southern states, and they are, consekently, solid for us.

"May I ask," sed Jaxon, "ez to the precise prinsiples perfessed by the glorious old party now? Time hez passed sence I managed it, and time hez doubtlis modified the views that parties take uv measures. What are the distinctive principles uv the Dimocrisy now?"

"Postoffis!" I replied promptly.

"Do you take any posishen on the tariff?"

"Certin. We hev a large and varied assortment uv prinsiples on the tariff. In Pennsylvany we are for tariff reform, with a leenin toward perteckshen, and in Illinoy for tariff reform with a leenin toward free trade, and wher we don't eggsackly know what the people want we are for tariff reform pure and simple. Ez the dry goods merchants say in ther advertisements, 'we aim to pleeze.'"

That stunned Van Booren, and Jaxon's face growd ez black ez a thunder cloud.

"What is yoor posishen on nashnel bankin?" he demandid in the thunderinist tones I ever heerd a gost yoose.

"About uv a whichnis with our posishen on the tariff. Wher they want nashnel banks we let em hev em. In the East we are for nashnel banks, and in the West we vary all the way from fiat money to silver dollars, jist ez the people hev a noshun."

"And internal improvements?"

"Nobody kin ketch us nappin there. Along the Mississippi and the grate lakes we are internal improvers, and off them lines we ain't. All them questions we leeve for fucher decision. Wat we want is, fust, a dig into Samyooel's barl, and after that hez done its perfeck work, postoffis. Wat sed the apossel? 'Be ye all things to all men.'"

In a minit the fiery Jaxon seezed me by the throte with his sperit hands.

"And this is the party I made! This is the organizashen that I foundid and left ez the pertekter uv Amerikin liberty and for the promulgashen uv troo Amerikin idees! Wunst a party with fixed prinsiples—now a party dependin on bought votes, the support uv unnateralized Irish, gin mills and Tilden's dollars! A party wich hez a varied assortment uv prinsiples, one thing in one seckshun and another in another! A party wich rekwires a speeker who makes a toór uv the kentry to hev at leest six speeches to soot different seckshuns, and to be mity keerful that he don't git his manooscripts mixed in a nite's travel. Ez neer ez I kin see," roared the grate Jaxon, "jedgin from the classes uv peeple the Dimocrisy uv to-day is huntin for, a clean shirt bars a man out uv the organizashen, a toooth-brush wood be treason to the party, and a Sunday skool wood demoralize the entire concern. We didn't hunt gin mills in my day fur recroots, nor did we objeck to hevin the best class uv citizens act with us. Dimocrisy! I suppose a man coodent sit in a Dimokratic caucus now ef he didn't hev a certifikit from a s'loon-keeper. Free trade and tariff—nashnel banks—fiat money—for and agin internal improvements. I suppose you are ekally libral in the matter uv states' rites?"

"Certinly," I sed. "In the South we hold to that doctrine like a dog to a root, and in the North we ease off into opposishen to dangerus centralized power. See! Here is a assortment uv Tilden's campane documents, adapted to different seckshuns, wich we yoosed in 1876."

"Bah!" "bah!" "bah!" they all exclaimed in korus. And they spit ez tho they hed suthin in ther mouths that didn't taste well.

Ther wuz a clap uv thunder and they wuz gone.

It wuzn't a clap uv thunder at all—I simply fell off my cheer.

I wuz glad that it wuz only a dreem. The fact is I am glad that Jaxon, Van Buren and even Bookannon kin kum back to us only ez gosts. Ef they shood ever appear in reel flesh and blood I shoodent want to be in the immejit visinity. Ther noshuns uv runnin campanes, and ours, don't eggsactly gibe. However, whe e they are they can't interfere, and ez the present managers of the party will never go wher they are, and will never stand face to face to them, it don't matter.

Still, I prefer not to dreem sich dreems. I must quit eatin hard-biled eggs after 12 at nite. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Seer).

MR. NASBY SUGGESTS A REUNION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 15, 1883.

That is the season for reunions and I notis they are bein held all over the kentry. In the North they are nothin more than Republikin mass-meetins on a small scale. I hev never bin invited to address one, and when I did visit em I wuz not reseeved with that corjeality wich I hed a rite to eggspect. I hev seen servis, tho it happened to be on the wrong side to make me a welcum guest anywhere north uv the Ohio river.

I shel never forgit my term uv servis in the Looisiana Pelikens, ez a man wich wuz drafted. I wuz in the South the second year of the war, and tho I hed too much presence uv mind to volunteer, the military authorities uv the Confedracy wuzn't good enuff jedges uv hooman nacher to refrain from draftin me. I wuz drafted, and served, but I kin conshienchusly say that the Confederacy didn't git very much servis out uv me. Ther wuz hospitals, sich ez they wuz, and I found em. I am pekoolyerly fittid for hospital sojerin. I didn't want to hurt anybody.

But the Dimocrisy can't afford to hev these re-yoonyuns goin on, or rather it can't afford to give the Republikins the monopoly uv em. We hev Dimocrats wich actilly served, wich, ez things hez turned out, is forchoonit for us. But we hev a much grater mass wich didn't. We hev no lack uv the military element in our party, for a vast majority uv the Dimocrisy reely bore arms—them South uv Ohio served in the Confedrit army, and very many North served in the Fedrel army; but we hevn't enuff North, where we most want prestige, wich served under Linkin to make re-yoonyuns popler amongst us. Still, ez we must hev re-yoonyuns that hev a military flavor, I hev a s jestion to make.

We shood hev a re-yoonyun espeshly Dimekratic.

We will hev a re-yoonyun uv the survivors uv them wich sent substitoots.

Sich a gatherin wood, necessarily, be very large. The actooal survivors uv the war are lessenin in number every day. A good many wich went to the front never come back no more, bullets finishin a part uv em, and sich prizns ez Andersonville and Libby wipin out a grate many more. Then they contractid diseases wich is cuttin em off one by one, and in a few yeers a soljer uv the late onpleasantnis will be suthin to be looked at with kooriosity.

But we, wich sent substitoots, wuzn't killed by bullits, starved at Andersonville, nor are we dyin to any alarmin extent from diseases contracted in the servis. We avoided contractin diseases in the servis by religusly and persistently refoosin to go into the army. Troo, likker hez made serious inroads into us, and possibly is cuttin us off ez fast ez lingrin disease does them wich actilly went, but ez ther wuz ez many uv us ez ther wuz uv them, we shel continyoo to keep our numbers, relatively. I hev, however, drunk a great deal uv likker that wuz more dangerous than bullets and more to be feared than the baynit.

The properest place for sich a re-yoonyun wood be Windsor, Canada, for several reasons. It is very close to Amerikin territory, and wuz therefore the place struck by sich Dimocrisy ez found it onwholesome to stay in the Yoonitid States doorin the time we wuz tryin to convert it into a Confedrasy. I well remember visitin ther, at one time in 1863, when two-thirds uv the populashen wuz made up uv Dimekrats from the States wich found the climit uv their native kentry wuzn't saloobrus, and wich bed sought a refuge there. There are reminiscences connectid with Windsor wich makes it approprit for sich a re-yoonyun.

Then agin we shel find ther the most uv our substitoots. Ez a rool they took our money and immejitly skipped to Windsor, and the majority uv em are now keepin bars in Canada. It wood be a bad time for them to absent themselves from ther bars, but we kin manage to git on for a part uv the time on bottles. They doubtlis will be glad to see them wich furnisht em cappytle to start in life.

The badge worn by those attendin should be a white feather, conspicuously displayed on the rite side, with the motto:

> "The safest kind uv a recroot,
> We found to be a substitoot—
> The substitoot cood not be whipped,
> 'Coz why, to Canada he skipped,
> And so both stood on solid ground,
> Them and us, both safe and sound."

Speekin shood be omitted from the order uv exercises. The time shood be pleasantly spent in indulgin in reminiscences uv the times that tried our soles, gittin out uv the way uv provost gards, uv perilus advenchers resistin enrollin officers, shelterin deserters, and raisin money for supplies to Southern hospitals. The Knights uv the Golden Circle and them wich braved the government ez the Sons uv Liberty will okkepy the highest places, puttin them on an ekality with the Kentucky and Missouri bushwhackers wich sold the government hosses all day, and bushwhacked their riders all nite. The Injeany Dimocrisy wich Morton arrestid will be there, sich ez onlimitid likker hez spared, and them old vetrans will narrate ther thrillin eggsperiences uv the days when they wuz onlawfully arrestid for darin to be freemen, and conspirin to turn over the state to the Confedracy, and much instruckshun will flow from them patriarks.

We may hev a percesshn in the evenin, and may not. It will depend largely onto the condishn the survivors are in by 7 o'clock p. m. Ef we do we shel all wear the white feather proudly, the marshals bein decorated, likewise, with winder sashes, over the left shoulder.

We may look for a large delegasshen from the South, not uv survivors but sympathizers. We shel hev all them wich distinguished theirselves interdoosin yellow fever into Noo York, and them wich wuz sent North to burn cities and sink steamers on the lakes. It will thus be a re-yoonyun

in more senses than one. The patriots from both seckshuns will mingle ther teers over our common failyoor to bust up the government and establish sich a one ez we wantid. Teerfully we shel go over the advenchers in our efforts to establish a government wich wood give us all the offises, wich wood perpetooate niggers to work for us, and a system wich wood give us labor for nothin, niggers to work, and we spendin our summers at Saratogy, and hoss racin and draw poker in the winter.

Them brite antissipashens wuz not realized, but it wuz not our fault. We fought for our niggers, the possession uv our homes, and everybody else, manfully—the result wuz beyond us. But we kin at leest mingle our teers.

Sich a re-yoonyun kin be made one uv yootility. We want sentiment, but hard dollars is more to us.

The government hez never yit penshuned them ez sent substitoots.

Kin any one give a good reason why we are not penshuned? Troo, we didn't go ourselves, but we sent men. Wood the man hev gone ef we hed not sent him? Wat difference does it make to the government who the man is, so that it gits the man? And to whom does it stand indebted for the man? Cleerly to us who sent him. The man who went for us got his remunerashen in wat we paid him, or promised to. Cleerly, then, ez we wuz reely the recroot, we are entitled to the penshun.

And another pint the government shood consider. The most uv us kin claim, with great justis, that we wuz reely actooated by patriotic motives in sendin substitoots instid uv goin ourselves. We kin say with much truth that we hed too much love for the old flag to send cowards to the front, and so, knowin ourselves, we sent substitoots to uphold it. We didn't want to spile the servis, and so sent men wich wood reely fite.

Nothin kin be clearer than this, and the government, ef it is just, will take it into account. A substitoot in Canada wuz even better than a demoralizer in the feeld. We did the kentry grate servis by not goin.

A committy should be appinted to urge this matter upon Congris, and ez the next one will be Democratic, there is no reason why we shood not succeed in getting it.

I shel ishoo the call for the re-yoonyun next week. Every Dimokrat wich kin eggshibit a certifikit from a enrollin effiser that he actilly put a substitoot in the field, and paid him, or promised to, will be eligible to a seet in the hall and a place in the perceshn.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (A Two Substitooter).

MR. NASBY PHILOSOPHIZES ON VOTES.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 22, 1883.

I hev bin reseevin letters from Ohio insistin that I yoose my influence to compel the Dimekratic managers uv the Ohio campane to go slow on the likker question, and to do with with that ez we do with everything else, straddle ez it were. Wat these tender-feet seem to be afrade uv is that ez the Dimocrisy uv Ohio are committin therselves squarely to the grate principle uv free whisky, it will hev a tendency to drive off the decent members uv the party and thus enshoor our defeet.

I am out uv pashence with these thin-skinned fellers, wich belong to our party without comperhending its nacher, caracter, disposishen, purposes or ends.

The man wich writes this nonsense don't know nothin about Dimocrisy or hooman nacher. He hez never taken a comprehensive look at things, and don't know nothin ez to the make-up uv mankind. I shel perceed to instruct him.

To begin with, he shood know that seven-tenths uv mankind is bad in a greater or less degree; that the devil hez a warranty deed on four-tenths, a quit-claim to two-tenths, and a mortgage on another tenth.

Them in wich he hez a present or prospective interest are very largely in the majority.

Now ez the Dimocrisy wants votes for the sake uv the postoffises that follows victory, wat is its dooty? Is it to cater to the wishes uv the seven-tenths or to the desires uv the three-tenths?

The Republikin party is devoted to wat it calls prinsiples. It hez some distinctive ijees, and its leaders hev alluz bin afflicted with the loonacy uv tryin to make wat they call hoomanity better. Consekently it embraces in its organizashen the three-tenths that they arrogantly call the good citizens, them wich is willin to stand defeet for an ijee. They hev the old Ablishnists, them loonatix wich yeers ago turned their bax upon postoffis and willinly endoored rotten eggs and lynchin for the sake uv freein the nigger, and afterward insistid on givin him the ballot the same ez the white man. In the intrest uv Amerikin laber they went to the wall for yeers opposin free trade, never thinkin that they mite hev luxuriatid upon English money, ez we wuz doin, by takin the other tack, and now they hev put theirselves in opposishen to the freedom uv likker on the skore that whisky is a destroyer and beer a liver conjestor and kidney enlarger, and that free trade in it fills the jales and the poorhouses.

Dimocrisy hez other views. A Dimekratic leeder gits his steer from the census reports and the soshel statistics.

In all matters in wich ther is profit men dig down and never up. When yoo want oil yoo bore for it, and likewise you dig for gold. The grate mine uv votes is downward, not upward, becoz common skools, even in Ameriky, hev never done their perfeck work, and while gin-mills and beer-shops are open seven days uv the week and 16 hours uv the day, churches are only open on Sundays, and then only for a few hours. The servants uv the devil are industrious, much more so than them wich serve the Lord.

This bein the case, wat is the dooty uv the leeders uv the Dimocrisy, or ruther, wat is ther intrest? Intrest is with us, dooty. Cleerly, to go wher ther is the most votes. Ef relijun and sich hed the most votes in controle, it wood be our dooty and intrest to cultivate that end of the populashen, tho we shood hev to be reconstructid to work in that direckshun with any success.

I hev notist that Dimocrisy and religion don't work very well together. When a Dimokrats gits to wearin cleen shirts reglerly, I alluz consider he is on the high road to Republikinism, and the site uv a Dimekrat in a prayer-meetin wood fill me with alarm.

Our best holt is the gin-mills and beer shops. We hev alluz hed em and alluz will. Indeed, I don't know ez we cood tear ourselves loose from em ef we tried. It's a toss up whether we hev them or they us. Wat wood the Dimocrisy uv the grate city uv Noo York be without the gin-mills? Wat wood we do in Illinoy ef the gin-mills shood be shut up in Shecago? Wat wood we do anywhere without this ally?

With the gin-mills with us, we hev a percentage on the Republikins that is terrific. A wholesale merchant or manufactrer in Noo York won't vote but wunst, even ef we let him vote at all—our gin-mill gradcoates vote ez many times ez may be necessary to roll up the majority we want. It wuz the gin-mills that wuz Boss Tweed's best holt in the good old days when he hed Noo York, and it is our cheef dependence everywhere. The strength uv the Dimocrasy may be estimated by the aker. It takes so many akers of sod corn to make a Dimekrat, and our majorities may be estimated from the smoke that goes up from the distilleries, and the number uv bars over wich the produck is dispensed.

My Ohio friend is all wrong. Everything seeks its level. A man can't lift hisself by the straps uv his boots, nor kin yoo put new wine into old bottles. Wat we want is majorities, and ther ain't no yoose in wastin time on reasonin men and sich, for them is not the majority. Everybody hez a stumick, but a very small porshen uv mankind hev intelleck. The Republikin party appeles to the intellect uv one class. Ef that class hez inflooence enuff to corrall the votes, they win, and we can't help it. But stumick is our dependence, and we can't very well go out uv the stumick biznis. We hev the gin mills sekoor, or ruther they hev us; we hev sich uv the nooly landed emigrants ez ain't pertikeler whether they are natcheralized or not, jist afore they vote; we hev the money uv the British manufakterers to yoose agin our laber, and we hev sich niggers in the South ez are nervous about standin before the muzzle uv a shot-gun, and we shel hev all uv that class uv niggers in the North ez want offises wich they hevn't got, beside other simler elements uv strength.

I hev alluz insistid that we made a grate mistake in opposin the Chinee, and I predict that the time will come when we shel insist on givin him the ballot. He don't drink likker, it is troo, but he does smoke opium, and opium smokin will fetch a man down to the level of votin with us, ez shoorly ez whisky. I hope to live to see the day when, with reference to the Chinese vote, we shel inscribe on our banners, "Persnel Liberty and Free Opium!" jist ez we now hist the cheerin legend, "Persnel Liberty and Free Whisky!"

Ef it wuz worth our while to consiliate the likker interest for ther votes, why not the opium element for ther votes?

We hev got to depend upon these classes, and ther ain't no yoose uv monkeyin about other people. Ther is more power, so fur ez votes is concerned, among our pekoolyer people in a bottle uv noo likker than there is in an open Bible. A sanded floor with pine tables and beer onto em is a more potent agency with us than a Sundy skool; and a talented beer-jerker kin corral more votes than any preecher that ever howled. Our method ain't quite ez respectable, may be, but inezmuch ez the vote uv the citizen with an illuminated nose counts jist ez much ez that uv the cheef justis, and ez ther is a milyun uv illuminatid noses to one cheef justis, why our dooty is cleer.

We must go for the beekon-lites.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Statesman and Manager).

MR. NASBY ASSISTS OHIO DEMOCRATS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Sept. 30, 1883.

There is a advantage in hevin a constitooency thet don't know nothin, and steadily and persistently refooses to learn anything, in sum ways,

but it hez its drawbax. There is sich a thing ez knowin too much, and there is sich a thing ez knowin too little. Wat I like is to hev a man who knows jist enuff to know he don't know nothin—one who hez implicit confidence in them wich nacher hez appinted ez his leeders. Sich a man follers his leeders blindly and don't ask no questions, doin wat he is appinted to do, promptly and without murmur to do, promptly and without murin. Any other kind makes trubble.

I went over into Ohio last week to assist the Dimocrisy in corralin the nigger vote, wich, jist now, wood be uv yoose to us.

I wuz succeedin admirably. In Peterville, wich wuz the seen uv my labers, I found sevral wich yoost to be uv the accursed race uv Ham, in the old days, but wich is our esteemed feller citizens now, wich hedn't been considered in the matter uv offises ez they felt they wuz entitled to. I went at em very boldly, and with grate confidence. I condoled with em on their onforchnit posishen. I remarkt to em that the Republikin party wich hed emansipatid em hed only dun half its dooty to em. The Afrikin race hed an enemy in the Dimekratic party, and the Republikins hed not compelled the Dimocrisy to give em offishl posishen to the extent it ought to, and consekently the Republikin party must go. It is troo the Republikin party hed emansipated uv em from a condishen uv servitood, and hed afterward given em the ballot, but no Dimekrat wood say that the ballot wuz wuth a soo markee onless offis accompanied it. Emancipation mite plant, and suffrage mite water, but offis is wat gives the increese. I explaned to em that the Dimekratic party hed alluz hed the nigger by the throte, and the Republikin party wuz much to blame for only forsin the Dimocrisy to let go its grip in part, and, therefore, it wuz cleerly the dooty uv the nigger to go back onto the Republikins and jine in with the Dimocrisy. The Dimocrisy wanted em now, and wuz willin to let by-gones be by-gones.

We wuz to hev a Dimekratic meetin that nite, to wich I wuz to speak, and after a great deel uv work I succeeded in gittin one nigger to sit on the platform with the other vice presidents. It took a mity site uv finansceerin to sekoor that nigger, but I wuz bound to do it. I wanted to hev at leest one on the platform with me. I wantid to hev the chance uv graspin Bill Timpson affectionately by the hand and addressin him ez "my fellow citizen," and I wantid, ef possible, to git him to the pint uv makin a few remarks, anyhow, so that the other niggers in the village shood see that the Dimocrisy wuz willin to forgive and forgit, and hev em vote with us jist the same ez tho they wuz reely men and brethren.

I hed a great deel uv trubble with that nigger. He wuzn't uv much account anyhow, and didn't stand very high among his brethren, but he wuz the only one I cood approach. He promised at first, and then backed out. I took him over to the s'loon wich is the Dimekratic hed-quarters there, and filled him up. He held off till the fifth drink, and then consentid. "I am mean enuff now," he sed, despairingly, "to do most anything. I will sit by yoo and the other Dimocrisy."

I hed him watched and kep him filled up till nite, so that he coodn't git away, and finelly succeeded in histin him up on the platform, with two vice presidents, one on each side, holdin him up, so that he woodent make a disagreeable tabloo. The only incongrooity about him wuz he hed on a cleen shirt, but that we hid by buttonin up his coat, so that he wooden't be suspectid uv bein a Republikin spy in our camp. We fixed him so that in everything but color he looked very like a Dimekrat.

I wen so fur ez to fix up a resolooshen wich I perposed to offer—suthin like this:

Wareas, The Dimocrisy hez alluz treetid the nigger ez an inferior bein, refoosin uv em their liberty and refoosin them the ballot, and keepin em out uv offis, and

Wareas, The Republikin party is guilty uv a gross neglect uv dooty in not compellin the Dimocrisy to take its hoof entirely off the colored race, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is cleerly the dooty uv the kulerd race to immejitly jine and vote with the Dimocrisy.

Resolved, That this yeer the Dimocrisy is willin to hev the kulered voters vote, pervided they will vote the strate Dimekratic ticket, unscratched.

Everything wuz workin smooth. I hed rose and shook Timpson by the hand, and spoke to him ez Mr. Timpson, emphasisin the Mister, for effect upon a dozen other niggers who wuz in the body uv the house. I perposed to show them that in a Dimekratic meetin a nigger hed rites wich the white man wuz a goin to respeck—till after eleckshun, anyhow.

Then the regler trubble that alluz ensoos when the Dimocrisy tries to do anything sot in. Just while I wuz a lettin go uv his hand Tim Mullaly, a prominent Dimocrat uv the village, and one uv tne vice presidents, entered the hall and came up on the platform. Tim hed his hat in his hand when his eyes rested on the nigger Timpson.

Ef he hed bin struck in the face, he coodent hev bin more astonished. Doubtin his eye-site he walked up close and looked him all over.

"Bill Timpson on the platform uv a Dimekratic meetin! Bill Timpson! Fwat the divil is the loikes uv him doin here, associatin with whoite men? Och, ye black divil! Don't ye know yer place bether than lavin yer white-washin and tryin to assoshiate wid gintlemen?"

I attemptid to interfere, but it wuz uv no yoose. Mullaly hed not bin instructid, and he wuz kerryin out the distinctive ijees uv Dimocrisy ez they hed bin tawt him in the yeers gone by.

And Tim whaled away and beltid the nigger one in his jaw, and Timpson, astonished at this recepshun and forgettin the inferiority uv his race, belted back again, and afore anybody cood interfere they wuz rollin on the platform together. Tim on top and the nigger on top, and then the other Irishmen in the hall all jumped on the nigger, and them ez coodent git on the platform jumped onto the other niggers in the hall, and afore measures cood be taken to secure order the niggers hed bin most unmercifully beaten, dragged to the door, rolled down the stares, and kicked into the gutter, and they cum back with loud protestashuns that no Dimekratic convenshun in Peterville shood ever be defiled by an inferior race, and they got so eggscitid over it that the meetin wuz adjourned without any speeches at all, or the passage uv any resolooshens.

The next mornin when I started out to see the matter coodent be fixed up, I saw the extent uv the disaster. I coodent git neer enough a nigger to reason with him. When one saw me he wood dart down an alley and disappear. Mr. Mullaly is not a success ez a assistant consiliator.

Is it alluz to be thus? Kin we ever git the Irish end uv the Dimocrisy to the pint uv recognizin the nigger ez a bein entitled to any consideration? Ef Bill Timpson shood fully jine the Dimekratic party, wood he be reseeved ez a delegate in a Dimekratic convenshun, and hev the gost

uv a show at a county offis? I fea· not. Wat the Dimocrisy uv the South hez alluz tawt the Dimocr.sy uv the North concernin the nigger appears to hev taken root and is ineradicable.

I ruther think the best thing we kin do is to let the nigger go, and turn our attenshun to the Chinese. By pledgin ourselves to free opium, and removin the disabilities we put onto em, we kin probably corrall them.

The nigger bein a native uv Ameriky ain't entitled to any consideraslıun in a Dimekratic convenshun anyhow. Ef he wood emigrate to some other kentry, and marry, and hev children, and them children shood emigrate to Ameriky, they wood stand sum show with us. We hed better sour on the nigger agin, and giv our whole mind to the Chinese.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
("Free Opium" and the Chinese Vote).

MR. NASBY ELATED OVER THE OHIO ELECTION.

Peterville,
(Wich is in the State uv Ohio,)
October 10, 1883.

Ohio Dimekratic!

Halleloojy!

We kerried Peterville for the fust time since the star uv the Dimocrisy sot in gloom in 1860. It wuz a bitter fite, ez we hed a majority uv 83 to overcome, but we did it.

It wuz the fanatikle ackshen uv the Temprence men wat did it. Ther hed bin a singler apathy in pollytix among the Dimocrisy in Peterville for some yeers. The prinsiple brewer uv the place wuz taintid with Perteckshun heresies, and three uv the sloon keepers hed alluz bin in favor honest money and opposed to our Greenback theory, and ther hed bin in the past two yeers considerable scratchin and very little zeel displayed for the old party among the lokle Dimocratic politishuns.

The passage uv the Pond law wuz wat fust opened the eyes uv the brewers, sloon men and distillers to the dangers that thretened em from continyood Republikin supremacy. That, follered by the Smith law, closin sloons on Sunday, made em em think more, but the iron entered ther soles when the Scott law robbed em uv two hundred dollers apeece, actilly shuttin up twelve sloons in the county and throwin the fixters back upon the hands uv the brewers wich hed furnished em. This deepened the feelin, wich wuz settled when a Republikin legislacher actilly submitted amendments calkilatid to lessen the sale uv likker and to compel them sellin likker to pay suthin toward the support uv the government.

The ackshen uv the brewers and sloon keepers wuz prompt and decisive. They summoned the different candidates afore em. They hed previously votid different tickets—some uv em hed bin Republikins and some Dimekrats. But the danger that now thretened em yoonitid em in one solid falanx, for they felt that this wuz no time for triflin. Beer wuz assailed.

They organized a committy consistin uv one brewer and two sloon keepers, I bein present ez a advisory board. The different candidates for county offises wuz summoned to appear before em, wich they did.

The Republikin candidate for legislacher appered.

"Ef yoo are electid wat do yoo perpose to do?" wuz demandid uv him.

"I shel try to watch the expenditures uv the state very closely, to see that no more taxes is piled upon the people than possible. I shel git

through the bill permittin us to ishoo bonds for the noo turnpike, and, ef possible, I shel git a noo penitentiary locatid in this county."

"All that be d——d !" ejackilatid the cheerman. "How do you stand on the likker question ? No prevarication !"

"I certainly am in favor uv the Scott law, and beleeve that the traffic in likker should be regelatid."

That settled him.

The Republikin candidate for State Senator wuz next interrogatid.

"Ef electid," sez he, "I shel vote the distinctive principles uv our party. I agree with you, Mr. Cheerman, ez to the necessity uv pertektin Amerikin industry and for a stable currency. When it comes to the eleckshun uv a Senator, in place uv Pendleton, I shel——"

"Bother that nonsense ! Wat do we keer for perteckshun or the eleckshun uv a Yoonitid States Senator ? Wat we want to know is how you stand on the all-absorbin question uv Beer ?"

He hed to admit that he wuz in favor uv regelatin the traffic in some way, and that settled his hash.

The next wuz the Republikin candidate for county commishner.

"Give us yoor policy ef you are electid."

"Wat I want the offis for is to see ef it isn't possible to git decent roads through the county, and——"

"That ain't wat we want to know. How do yoo stand on the likker question ?"

"I reely hain't got no views—I never thought uv it. Wat I want is good roads and decent county bildins."

The same questions wuz put to all the Republikin candidates, and the ansers wuz about the same.

The Dimekratic candidates wuz more resonable. Not one uv em hed any espeshl noshens ez to roads, county improvements or county biznis, but every wun uv em expresst hisself in opposition to the Scott law, the Smith law, and desidedly opposed to Prohibishen. They exprest a willinness to give bonds to that effeck.

One or two uv the Dimekratic candidates wavered for a time, but they wuz brot to their senses to wunst.

"Look at that streem uv men floatin into Simpson's !" ejackilated the president uv the Likker Dealers' assosiashen. Jist look at em ! The e mite be more hats among em, and cleen shirts mite be more common; they mite hev noses more uv the hue uv the lily, and they mite not wobble so ez they walk, but it aint noses or cleen shirts or hull soots that vote. Under the constitooshen uv the Yoonitid States, that man with his shirt tale floatin behind is the peer uv the biggest manufacturer in Pet r-ville, and his vote counts jist ez much. Kin yoo git that man's vote without our help ? Not much."

The pint wuz observable, and the pledges required wuz given immejitly.

Prompt and vigrus ackshen wuz taken to wunst. The brewers contributid 500 kegs uv beer each, and the sloon keepers pledged themselves to keep open bars till the goin down uv the sun on Tuesday. The wholesale dealers in Cincinnati, wich supplies this kentry, sent barls uv whisky with ther compliments, wich, the sloons yoosed to the best advantage.

The plan uv our campane wuz very simple, but it worked. We set beer flowin ez free ez water, and put more whisky on tap than wuz ever knowd in this county afore. The crisis wuz imminent, and we coodent stop hall

way. We yoosed every agency knowd to further the coz uv free beer. We sent, anonymously uv course, money to the treasurer uv the Prohibishen party, to assist them in makin their campane, for we knowd that every vote they got wuz jist one taken from the Republikin party, and a half a vote for free likker. We hed all the money we wantid, for the sloons, brewers and distillers fairly opened their tills, and wat votes likker woodent buy our money did.

However, likker wuz wat we dependid onto. One voter with an inflamed nose wuz offered money but he declined it. "Why shood I take money instid uv likker?" sed he. "Ef I take the money, it all goes for likker anyhow, and I don't keer to hev the trubble uv worrying with the change. Set em up, and keep settin em up."

With the Dimocrisy sound ez a rock, and capturin the floatin vote, uv course success wuz assured. We kerried the county by the largest majority we ever hed. We kivered ourselves with glory.

We shood hev hed a larger majority but for an ontimely miskalkelashen ez to the holdin capasity uv about a hundred uv our noo converts. Ez likker wuz free, they hed, fur wunst, their fill, and they liked it. But unfortunitly about a hundred wich got in heavy loads Saturday continood injoodishusly all nite Saturday, all day Sunday, and cleer through Monday nite. Toosday they wuz so bilin full ez to be incapable uv gittin to the poles at all. Ther condishen wuzn't diskivered till half past five Toosday afternoon, and we hedn't time to haul em all up and vote em afore the poles wuz closed. But we hed majority enuff.

It is diffikilt to gage the eggsact amount uv likker wich is safe to give a voter, ez stummicks vary so, and then yoo are in a fix with em anyway. Ef yoo refoose em when yoo think they hev enuff they are liable to go over and vote the Republikin ticket, and ef yoo give em too much they may not be able to git to the poles at all.

It looks ez tho I shood git my postoffis agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Exultant.)

A SENSATION AT THE CORNERS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)
Oct. 25, 1883.

The enormous Prohibishen vote in Ohio and the pronounced posishen Iowa hez took on the Temprence question, hez perdoosed a perfound sensashen at the Corners. The skies is fraught with clouds wich are increesin in darknis ez time rolls on. The ijee that 300,000 uv the people uv Ohio shood delibritly vote to prohibit the sale or manoofakter uv likker within its bounds, is suthin to alarm the Dimekratic mind everywhere and make us paws and ask anxshusly "Wither to shoot?" and various other questions uv like import.

We wuz sittin in Bascom's last nite, Issaker Gavitt, Deekin Pogram, Kernel M'Pelter and me, envelopt in gloom. I hed jist red the noose from Ohio and while the fact that Hoadly wuz electid wuz calkelatid to cheer us up, the friteful Prohibishen vote filled us with alarm.

"Ef Prohibishen shood strike Kentucky what wood become uv my distillery?" sighed Kernel M'Pelter, "and wher wood the farmers git a markit for ther corn?"

And Joe Bigler, the feend, who wuz also ther, remarkt that possibly ef the manufakter uv likker from corn wuz prohibitid, the people mite oc-

cashunly eat sum uv it. "But," sed he, "that wood be a genooine Kentucky waste uv corn."

"Ef Prohibishen ever strikes Kentucky," sed Bascom, "wat becums uv my grosery?"

"It wood be terrible," replied Bigler, "but probably Pollock wood sell more dry goods and groseries. I hev no doubt but that that selfish man is workin for Prohibishn in Kentucky from purely persnel motives. He wants the wimmen to buy calico with wat their husbands now spend in whisky. Pollock is a desining creecher."

"What becums uv our quarter races, with sweat-cloths, and all other innosent amoosements ef likker is knocked out?" sighed Issaker.

"Without likker we shel never hev any more dog-fites, no prize fites nor any other amoosement that it fit for a gentleman," sighed McPelter orderin another drink. "But, thank Hevin, they can't kerry Kentucky for some yeers to come."

"Shut up Bascom's," sed Deekin Pogram, "and where wood we go evenins? We shood all hev to stay at home with our wives."

Then Joe Bigler displayed an uncommon interest in the discusshun.

"Ef there wuz no other argument to be advanced agin Prohibishn, gentlemen,' sed Bigler, "the Deekin hez struck it. In the interest uv the wimmen uv the Corners, I protest agin Prohibishn. They may go without shoes and stockins in consekence uv the appetite ther husbands hev for likker and they may not alluz hev enuff to eat, inesmuch ez none uv yoo kin keep yourself full uv likker and properly pervide for a family, but ther is no evil without a compensatin good. Whisky, ef it brings em a thousand woes, fetches em one comfort—it keeps yoo away from em. Mrs Pogram may growl about insuffishent clothin in consekence uv whisky, but she kin console herself with the refleckshun that it keeps the Deekin away from her evenings, and were I in her place I shood insist upon Bascom's keepin open even later than he does. It must be a comfort to yoor families to know that yoo hev enuff respeck for em left to keep away from em ez yoo do.

"And there is another reason why I shel alluz oppose Prohibishn in Kentucky, espeshly at the Corners. Ef vice hed no penalties attached, it wood be a great thing for the Corners, for yoo will hev em all anyhow, but nacher is wise. Every vice kerries with it a penalty and that penalty is early death.

"I never want to see the sale uv likker perhibited here, for were it so, yoo men mite live forever. The grate blessin uv likker, and the cheef and only good ther is in it, is it kills Democrats. Ef 'twant fur likker Issaker Gavitt wood live a hundred yeers, and Deekin Pogram, with the constooshen he wuz blessed with, wood be well-nigh immortal, and wood go on cussin an already too sinful world for a half century to come. But wantin all the vices he tackles M'Pelter's noo whisky, and wat is he now at sixty? Almost paralyzed, and a few more yeers uv it and we shel hev the pleasure uv chuckin him away in the silent tomb.

"The wust yoo kin say uv whisky is it makes Dimocrats, but yoo must put down to its credit the immensely important fact thet it also kills em.

"Think uv sich men as yoo livin forever! Shel we then contemplatin yoor general stile and moral make-up, rush blindly and pass any laws tendin to prolong yoor lives? Never! And ez yoor children hev all been born with appetites, even ez yoo are, the best thing to do is to make the destroying flooid here ez cheep ez possible, to the end uv exterminatin the breed ez soon ez the laws uv nacher permit.

"Gentlemen, when this question comes to us count me ez actin with you. I shel put onto my banner this inscripshen: 'Whisky makes Deekin Pograms, but, halleloojy, it likewise kills 'em,' and under that banner march triumfantly to victory. Ef yoo wuzn't pizen thro whisky, yoo wood be thro sum other agency, and ez whisky kills and other agencies don't, whisky is cleerly a good thing. Watever I mite do were I a citizen uv Ohio or Iowa, I am agin Prohibishn here. Noo likker hath its yooses."

And the onfeelin broot rolled away laffin and leerin at us. Outside he wuz jined by Pollock, and the two went over to a little room the Temprance men hev, to concoct skeems to woory us. Wood that they both wood die. Whisky yooseful becoz it kills Dimocrats! Perhaps that is why the Lord permits it. But then the question comes in ef it is nessary to permit whisky in order to kill Dimocrats, why permit the Dimocrats? Life is runnin over with conundrums, and this is one uv 'em.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Puzzled).

THE DEMOCRACY AND THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Peterville,
(Wich is in the State of Ohio),
October 29, 1883.

Ther isn't, probably, a more happy or contentid man in the Yoonitid States than I am. The Ohio eleckshun settled everything for me and I am content. Four weeks ago when battenin on the barren moors uv chance invitashens to take suthin, or skinnin along on the sore feet uv a sadly worn-out credit, death hed no terrors for me. Annihilashen wood hev bin an improvement, and hell cooden't hev bin any worse. The man with an appetite for sustainers without the means uv gratifying it, is in a perpetooal hell. Yoo can't warm yoor bowels by lookin at the bottles inside the bar, be they ever so gorgus, any more than yoo kin satisfy hunger by reading a bill uv fare.

How many times hev I, standin afore a bar without the nessary 10 cents, gazin onto the brilliant bottles, hummed sadly the old song:—"Thou art so near and yet so far!"

But them days is passed. Dimocrisy and me is both happy; Dimocrisy hez at last got suthin solid to stand onto.

We wuz all rite so long ez we hed the nigger to look down upon, but when the people got accustomed his votin, and when the heft on 'em got so that they cood read and write and we wuz forst to look up to 'em instid uv down on 'em, aboosin the inferior race wuzn't wuth a straw ez a rallyin cry. The color prejoodis is all wiped out, even at the Corners. Instid uv lookin upon marryin a nigger with avershun, Isaaker Gavitt's oldest son tried his level best to marry a colored female, whose father hed 160 akers uv land, without a mortgage to Bascom on it. She refoozed him with skorn.

Suthin alluz comes in to help the Dimocrisy at precisely the rite time. All we hev to do is to crawl around on the bottom uv things long enuff and we alluz find suthin to go on. It's at the bottom we thrive best.

The nigger played out for us, but Rum came in to take its place. When the Republikin party taxed the Rum shops, the Rum shops held out ther hands imploringly to us. They knew who they wuz appeelin to. If ther is anything mean in polytikle matters wich the Dimocrisy hezn't championed I don't know what it is. Consekently we jined hands with the Rum

intrest, jist ez we wood hev gone to bed with yeller fever ef it controlled votes enuff.

We did this for sevral reasons. Fust we wantid some certin source from wich to draw money, and wat better source cood ther be than the Rum shops? They git all the money that is floatin', and the biznis is profitable enuff to be able to pay for bein pertecktid.

We had it comfortable in Ohio. The Brewers and Rum mills come down $75,000 to elect Hoadly, and they threw their doors and bars open. I didn't keer so much for the money after they opened ther bars to me, for, ef they hed given me money, and then made me pay for whisky, they wood hev got it all back anyhow.

But it wuz soothin to be able to step up to a bar and hev the proprietor remark with a smile ef I wood take suthin, instid uv brootally askin, ez before, for the privilege uv feastin his eyes upon my 10-cent piece jist afore settin out the bottle.

And then it simplifies runnin the campanes. We hev a solid vote to depend onto, and money to go on.

Formerly we yoost to hev to subsidize the s'loons — now the s'loons hev to subsidize us. Formerly the pint yoost to be how to raise money to buy up the likker shops—now we stand aloof, smilinly, and say to the s'loons, "How much will yoo put up to inshoor our success and save yoorselves?"

And it must be said that in Ohio the s'loons wuz reasonable with us. They put up all the money we wantid to yoose, opened the bars doorin the entire campane to our leeders, and from Saturday nite till Toosdy nite to all voters, irrespective uv previous condishun uv drunkenness, and paid all the expenses uv the campane. We never lived so well doorin a campane sence I hev bin in pollytix.

And ther demands wuz very modrit. All they asked wuz to dictate the nominashen for Governor, for the moral effeck, uv the members uv the Legislacher so that sich laws cood be passed ez they wantid to pretect 'em in sellin all day, all nite and Sundys, the members uv the Soopreme Court so ez to git wat decisions they mite want affirmin the constitooshnality uv sich acts uv the Legislacher ez bore on the likker traffic, and Sheriffs, Prosecootin Attorneys and sich so that the laws mite be constrood and execootid accordin to their noshuns. Sich offices ez Auditors, and County Clerks and the like they give to Democrats not in the s'loon bizness. Uv course they stipoolated for the control uv the city governments, for many questions come before them barin on likker, and they want to be entirely safe.

Wat the rest uv us git out uv this will be the eleckshun uv our President, and we shel divide his patronage among us. The city boards will be lenient to us in the matter uv contrax and sich, for they know that we abstract from the several city treasuries will come to them anyhow. Take the skeem altogether, it makes things very easy for us.

The Democrisy is now fixed jist ez it wuz in the old Slavery days. Wat we alluz want is suthin solid to lean onto. Before the war we cood alluz depend on the Solid South, for they had an interest to manetane, and ef we cood divide the North we hed everything our own way.

We hev things better, ef possible, now than then. The likker interest is stronger than the Solid South a thousand times, and it needs pertekin jist ez much ez Slavery did, and a great deel more. We hev that vote solid the brewers, the beer-sellers, and the beer-drinkers. When a man hez the

appetite for stimoolants firmly fixed we hev him. Rum is a tapeworm in its eatin power, but a tape-worm you don't want to git rid uv. The more it eats yer vitals the more yoo want it, and the beer-seller wich can't control the votes uv at least a dozen beer-drinkers ought to brained with his own mallet.

Hevin the likker interest solid all we hev to do is to divide the other vote, in the sakred name uv Dimocrisy, and we hev 'em every time. The likker interest is our Solid South. We shel march to victry under the banner uv "Free Likker," tho we may hev to keep it a trifle out uv site, and sheltered it under the name uv constitooshnel garantees, jest ez we did Slavery.

But to me the best feecher uv the sitooashen is, we hev the money, and we hev the likker. I am treeted now by the likker sellers with great considerashen. They don't snub me any more when I enter their palaces, but they bow to me respeckfully, and they set out the best they hev, and they smile deprecatingly, when I put my hand in my pokkit ez though I wuz goin to pay suthin. They don't know that ef I sposed they'd take it I shooden't put my hand in my pokkit at all. The iron entered my sole the other day. At a place I hev bin paternizin here, there wuz a noo bar-keeper put in who didn't understand the sitooashen, and when I put my hand in my pokkit he remarkt, "Ten Cents!" and ez I hedn't any money I wuz held in pawn, ez it were, till the proprietor come in, who set it rite, and at my sejestion discharged the offendin man.

But we hev em now and kin keep em. Wat Slavery wuz to us 20 years ago free likker is now. Suthin mean enuff for the Dimocrisy alluz turns up jist when we need it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(satisfied.)

MR. NASBY HAS A PROPHETIC DREAM.

Peterville,
(Wich is in the State uv Ohio.)
Nov. 9, 1883.

The results uv the late eleckshuns are not calkilated to afford me the lively satisfaskshen that I eggspectid. It is troo we hev kerried a part uv the state tikkit in Noo York, and it is likewise troo that we hev bustid the enemy in Virginny, Maryland and sum other states. But them don't count. Virginny and Maryland is ourn anyhow, and ef with the gin mills and repeeters uv the city we can't kerry the state uv Noo York we mite ez well throw up the sponge.

From the fur East come a gleem uv sunshine. The best luck that hez occurred to us is the defeet uv Butler in Massychosits. It was well enuff to elect him wunst, in order to demoralize the Republikin party, but to hev dun it twice wood hev demoralized us. A dose uv calomel is all well enuff to stir up the system, and perdoose internal convulshuns, and sich, to git rid uv suthin wuss, but to keep takin doses uv calomel makes the remedy wuss nor the disease. It is all well enuff to make the Republikins sick with Butler, but when it comes to swallerin him ourselves, and makin us sick, that is another thing. We are alluz willin to see another man take medisine, but when the puke is commendid to our own lips it ain't so pleasant. No man can ever purge another man by takin physic hisself. Yoo can't turn another man's stumick by takin an emetic yerself. Butler wuzn't half so much a terror to the Republikins eze he wuz to us. It is better for him to bust us in Massychoosits than it wood hev bin to

bust us in the hull kentry. We don't count on Massychoosits anyhow, an we can't afford to swaller the wust man in it for the sake uv a chance u keeping the state out uv the hands uv the Republikins. Butler kin onl kerry with him them ez is like him, and that's too heavy a load. It woo affect us too much in other states. One skunk kivers much territory.

It is well that Butler is laid to his eternel rest, or rather, ez he can' be killed, it is well that we are rid uv him. He will slide over into th Republikin party and make it uncomfortable for them. He is cheefly terror to his friends and a comfort to his enemies. Like a kickin muski he is dangerous only to the man at the breech.

But after all, the prospeck is encurridgin. Things are workin to ou entire satisfackshen. I don't know how it is, but suthin mean enuff for u alluz turns up jist when we want it. It is troo that we generally manag to fool it away at the wrong time, but ther is suthin in the world tha brings us out.

I hed a dreem last nite that illustrates the pint.

Methawt I hed bin drinkin late at the 'sloon uv one uv my noo frend here, and hed taken ruther too much for my own good, that is ef a ma kin take too much for his own good On my way to my lodgins—I hev bi livin here at the eggspense uv the Likker Deelers' assoshiashun, and he rooms over the Dimekratick headquarters—I succumbed to the inflooens and lay down in an alley and passed off into a slumber comfortably. Tha is one advantage in bein a man uv like appetite with myself. I hev no goo cloze to soil by contact with mud, and am never afraid uv theeve argument in favor uv free likker is that ef all men wuz like me theeve wood be compelled to go to work fur a livin. Ther wood be nobody bu brewers and 'sloon keepers to rob and they cood afford to set up nites wit shot guns. But this is a digression.

I wuz sleepin soundly when the sceen was illumined with a bloo lit wich shed its ghastly rays all over the surroundin territory. I notist sit tin on the fence the Devil. He wuz the original Devil uv my boyhood, wit split hoofs, short horns and a tale with a spike in it, and a short beard. H sot ther calmly, ez if absorbed in thot, tho with a more pleasant expreshu uv countenance than I hed ever seen on his afore. Still I shrunk. Men lik me never like to see the Devil in close proximity.

"Wat woodst thou?" sed I.

Nothin!" sed he.

"You ain't after me, then?" I askt.

"Not much," sed he, laffin sardonikelly, "not much. I don't waste m time. Wat yoose in comin for yoo when yoo are certin to come to me No, my biznis is uv no akkount. I ain't doin much, myself, now. I don' hev to. My work is mostly done for me. I am in pollytix a little."

"How does yoor Majesty like the lookout?" I remarkt, affably, getti up on one elbow.

"About the same ez ever. Things don't change much with me in thi kentry, or anywhere else. I hev the monerkys uv the old world who wor for me, and ther are jist ez many eloquence in my favor in Ameriky ez the Up to the time uv the war I hed slavery to keep my dominyuns populatio and it wuz ruther a severe blow to me when that wuz abolished. But the is a Dimocrisy in this kentry and ther alluz will be I spose till the tim cums for me to abdikate. And Dimocrisy, when it entered my service cu to stay. When slavery wuz bustid, I didn't seem to hev nothin for em t do, but wat happened? Why they immejitly sold therselves out to likke

and that is a heftier advantage for me than even slavery. One good healthy brewery, conductid by a energetic biznis man who hez an ambishn to die wuth a milyun uv dollars, is wuth more to me than a Congreshnel deestrik uv slaveholders, and furnishes me with more constitooents.

"Yoo hev no idee uv it. It don't enshoor me sich men ez yoo are, for I hed a mortgage onto you from the beginnin, but it does fetch in the labrers and the boys tremenjus. I don't know that I hev any recrootin sergeant that is so valyooable to me ez a active s'loon keeper wich don't own his fixters, and is compelled to sell jist so much beer a day in order to keep possession uv em. He does my work so well that I kin really find time to amoose myself, and that is wat I am doin now. Wat's the yoose uv my worryin about things when sevral thousand brewers and sevral hundred thousand uv ther lootenants are workin for me harder than I wood for myself? Wat more do I want than to git a boy playin keerds for beer, and drinkin the stakes, with the 'sloon keeper directin him how to nab money from his mother to pay for it, and to hev that boy grow up into a man, ef delirium tremens don't ketch him too soon, and hev ded wood that that man is a goin to be a bummer and a loafer?

"And then when a great party champions these brewers and ther lootenants, why I mite ez well onscrew my tale, kivver up my hoofs and quit biznis. So long ez this continyoos I may ez well take a holiday, for my work is bein done better than I kin do it. It's a very neat arrangement for me. I don't know when I've bin so well sootid. I hev the brewers, the brewers hev the 'sloon-keepers, the 'sloon-keepers hev the Dimocratic party. Ef the umbilikle cord wich connex me with the Dimekratic party don't break I'll hev the hull Yoonitid States in no time.

"I kin alluz count on the Dimocrisy. I don't hev to make any sejestions to em. They jist go browsin about for suthin in the shape uv wickidnis. A good helthy sin ketches em every time. They made wars to perpetooate slavery, and ef ther wuz ever anything wrong that they didn't take sides with it, it wuz a mistake that they felt badly over. Ef the party shood repent uv its sins with ez much earnestnis ez it does uv its occasional streeks uv goodnis, it wood hev a warranty deed to the Kingdom uv Heven."

And jist then the Devil laffed in high glee, wich awoke me.

I looked up but ther wuz no Devil on the fence, and ther wuz no smell uv sulphur, or anything elese, but that arisin from the garbage in the alley wher I hed laid down to repose.

Wuz it a dreem? I spose so. But all the same it seems to me that it isn't altogether one after all. Dreems yoost to be profetik, and why not now? It strikes me that things is about ez I dreemed it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Bunvanized.)

MR. NASBY DREAMS ANOTHER DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 20, 1883.

Dreems are comin to me now thick and fast. I thot I wood escape em by leevin Ohio, but even here, in this sanktooary, they cum to me jist the same. I hed one last nite.

Methawt I wuz in a vast hall, in the center uv wich wuz placed a immense cauldron, under wich a bloo flame wuz feercely burnin. Around

this cauldron wuz gathered the leeders uv Dimocrisy, wich wuz movin round it in slow perceshn, chantin to weerd moosic these tetchin words

"Starved and hungry, leen and gaunt,
Offis pap is wat we want,
Here our offerins we bring,
Wich in the seethin pot we fling,
Bubble, bubble toil and trouble,
Dimocrisy is naught but bubble."

Wat they wuz doin was bilin up the broth that wuz to be offered to the kentry next year.

Ez they moved around the cauldron each deposited in the kittle his espeshl contribooshn. Hoverin over it wuz the devil, stirrin it with the end uv his asbestos tale.

The perceshn wuz headed by the Pacific delegates wich dropped into it the persecooshen uv the Chinee.

"This to kerry the Kearney vote," sed they, and the rest exclaimed "It is well—stir it in!"

"To make it thicker," continyood the Pacific representative, "jist mix this in," and he dropped into the bilin kittle the Pacific ralerode monopoly.

"It is well!"

From the far West the representatives chucked into the kittle a heavy dose uv free trade, and then further East mixed in tariff for revenoo and fiat money, all exclaimin ez each made its contribushen, "It is well!"

Then Ohio wuz reecht. Ohio cum briskly to the side uv the kettle, and Gov. Hoadly, who wuz offishiatin dropped into it several ingrejencies.

"This is the likker intrest. The brewers electid me and they must be satisfied. This is the division uv the skool fund, and the settin apart to the Catholic church their pro rata, for they must be held. Here is free trade for agricultural seckshuns, and high protective tariff for the minin and manufacturin districts, and tariff for revenoo only for the mixed interests." He hed two objicks in his hands, and he hesitated a minit.

"I hev here fiat money and a gold basis. Wich shel I mix in? Ez things now are I ruther guess honest currency will be the best."

And he dropped it in, the others exclaimin in a sort uv a chant, "Drop it in, and mix it well!"

Pennsylvania approached with Randall at its head, who didn't hesitate a minit.

"Here is perteckshun to our manufakters, a high, iron-clad pertektive tariff, wich must be ladled out to my constitooents."

"Drop it in!" sed the high priests; "drop it in, and mix it well!"

When they cum to Noo York, little Sammy Cox hove up with his arms full.

"Here is free trade for our importers. Here is pertekshun for our manoofaktrin deestriks. Here is gifts uv property to the Catholic church in the great city. Here is communism for the long-haired furriners. Here is absloot perteckshun and control for the beer intrest. Here is the gin-mills and theeves' resorts uv the lower wards of Noo York. Here is the plunder uv the city and the over-taxin uv the state. Here is—"

At this pint the devil stopped him. "Samvooel, yoor contribooshens are quite sufficient for one state. Ef yoo put in everything that is bad in Dimocrisy, in Noo York, the kittle will bile over. There are other seckshuns to be heerd from."

Noo England approached sadly, and handed out—Butler.

"Keep him out," shreeked the rest. "Keep him out! We can't stand too much."

"This is all we hev," sighed the Noo Englanders, "onless John L. Sullivan will do yoo good."

Then the South cum up, armed with shot-guns and revolvers.

"Here is perteckshun for sugar for Looisiana, and perteckshun for iron for sum parts uv Georgia. Here is free trade for the rest uv the South, and wat is better than all, herr is the solid South, with all it implies. Here is the niggers murdered at Daville, and here is wat will give us the electoral vote uv every Southern state, no matter wat the majorities agin us ought to be."

Amid the wildest cheerin and the most enthoosiastic cries they dropped into the seethin mass their shot-guns and revolvers. The leeders shreeked with joy, and the devil smiled quietly a sardonic smile.

"Excoose me," he sed, "for not bein too hilarious. I hev seen a great deel uv this kind uv thing, and it isn't noo to me."

Ez he stirred up the contence uv the kittle he further remarked:

"All yoor contribooshens are valyooable, but the two wich lays over the rest is the rum mills and the solid South. Them is suffishent becoz yoo kin kalkilate on em shoor. There will be a yoonitid Dimocirsy in the South ez long ez there is a nigger, and a powerful Dimocrisy in the North ez long ez ther is a drop uv whisky or a keg of beer. The Dimekratic party wuz born uv nigger and whisky, and them two will keep it together so long ez either eggsist. The South goes into spasms over the nigger vote, and the beer brewers fust redoose a man to the condishn uv votin the Dimekratic tikkit, and then, hevin a mortgage on his stumick, use his vote perpetooally to pertect em in makin more Dimekrats. I hev made an akkerate calkelashen and find ther the makin uv a solid Dimekrat in every four akers uv soft corn, ef it goes to a distillery instid uv bein fed to hogs. Bein konsoomed by hogs is the destiny uv soft korn in any event.

"The Dimekratic pyramid is composed uv three seckshuns—Nigger ez the foundashen, beer above that for the substanshel body, and whisky at the summit, ez a appropriate finish.

"So long ez we hev nigger and whisky in the land, the Dimocrisy hez a solid foundashen to stand upon. There is jist enuff difference uv opinion among decent men on the other ishoos to hold a share uv that vote to us, but these two hold the balance uv power.

"I will stir up this mess and retire. I am not needid in this kentry any more. I will take the wings uv the morning and hie me to Poland to stir up the killin uv a few hundred Jews, and to Ireland, to help oppress the Irish, who, bein opprest by the English, invariably vote the free trade tikkit in the intrest uv the English manufaktrers. There is work for me to do in them kentrys—here, yoo, my children, are doin it for me. I cum here for pleasure, not biznis. Adoo!"

And he give the mess another sweep with his tale and disappeared thro an openin in the roof.

I awoke. I hev no interpretashn to put onto this dreem. 'Ceptin in the persnel presence uv the devil it don't seem a dreem at all. I hev thought the same things a thousand times.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Modern Bunyan).

A HORRIBLE DREAM, WHICH WAS NOT ALL A DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 24, 1883.

I hed a very remarkable dreem last nite, one wich dwelt in my mind all day. I can't shake it off. Sence the Ohio eleckshun I hev credit at Bascom's, based upon the improved chances uv hevin the postoffis here, and I took ez many ez 20 drinks to get rid uv that dreem, but I can't.

Methawt I wuz in some place, wher it doesn't appear, but anyhow I wuz informed ther wuz to be a weddin celebratid.

There wuz present John Kelly and Sammy Cox the Diminutive, uv Noo York, Hoadley and Pendleton, and all the prominent Dimekrats uv Ohio; Ben Butler, uv Massychoosits; Bayard, uv Delaware, and all the Dimekrats uv the kentry wich eggsp ex anything, wich incloods pretty much the entire party, North and South.

A part uv em wuz jolly and pleased, and part uv em wuz not. Them from the slums uv Noo York, Chicago and Noo Orleens wuz ez jolly ez grigs, but the more respectable porshen, them ez hed off shirts and collars and cuffs, kep ez much in the background ez possible, ez tho they didn't more than half approve uv it.

The rank and file wuz strikinly very much alike. Ther wuz sich a uniformity in the matter uv nose, and a samenis in the matter uv smell, and so yooniform a lack uv shirt collar, a gineral hungry and thirsty expreshun uv countenance that I felt at home among em to wunst. It required no stretch uv the imaginashen to suppose myself in a Dimekratic caucus.

The master uv ceremonies give a signal, the organ pealed forth the weddin march, and the bridle party entered.

Fust in the perceshn wuz the devil, who wuz drest and tried to look ez much ez possible like a priest, wich wuz a failyoor. Ther wuz a malishus grin onto his face, his hoofs showed very plainly, and he made no attempt to conceel his horns.

Close behind him followed the bride and groom. The groom wuz fritefully battered and bustid, apperiently half starved, and ez week ez a kitten. He wuz supported on one side by a Kentucky distiller and on the other by a Cincinnati brewer, who hed to fairly kerry him, givin him temporary strength from time to time out uv a jug labelled "Ohio."

By his side wuz the bride, a tall strappin female with a blazin face and a defiant look. I can't say that she was prepossessing lookin. She wuz dressed richly, but she wuz a hag in countenance, and so resembled the offishatin devil that she mite hev bin his half-sister. She hed a cold, malishus, crooel face, with long, strong fingers that wuz constantly clutchin at suthin in a very crooel way, and ther wuz a half-wild expression on her countenance that wuz anything but pleasant. Kerried afore her wuz a banner on wich wuz a coat uv arms. The banner wuz made uv rags uv children's clothin, stitched together, and the coat uv arms wuz a beer mug and a whisky glass, with a 10 cent piece on the rim uv each.

They marched up in front uv the altar, wich wuz very like a ordinary bar, and took posishen.

The devil offishiatin demandid, "Who gives this woman to this man?" wich wuz respondid to by the brewers and distillers, "We do."

There wuz a pause for a minit, and then the groom with a sob broke

away from the side uv the bride that wuz to be, and rushed to the end uv the altar.

There wuz a coffin there, and a ghastly dead female in it, and he knelt over that coffin and sobbed as tho his hart wood break.

"In the name uv Two for Five, who are these, and wat is it all about?" I demandid uv a bystander.

"Who? What? Why the groom is Dimocrisy."

"And who is the interesting bride?"

"Why, that's Rum Power."

"And the deceest in the coffin, over wich the groom is wastin much brine?"

"That's his first wife, Slavery. She's bin dead twenty yeers, but the old imbesile hez never bin reconciled to it. He hez alluz labered under the delooshun that she still lives, and he hez bin tryin all these years to git her onto her feet. He hez put shot-guns into the hands uv her family, and hez risked his own life to fetch her to but to no purpus. She is very dead."

"Well, go on."

"His frends and hern hev patched up this noo match for him, in the hopes uv savin him from goin all to pieces, and to-day the rites that make em one is bein solemnized. She ain't pretty to look at, but she's got twice the strength uv his first wife."

The frends uv the groom went to him gently and liftid him off the coffin, and got him soothingly on his feet.

"Yoo must not give way to this ontimely greef," they sed, "she wich yoo mourn hed pints about her, and we feel her loss ez yoo do, but she's dead. Look at yoor noo bride and be consoled."

"The noo one isn't the Solid South!" sed he, and wept afresh.

"No; but she's greater than the Solid South. We hev the Solid South anyhow. Slavery is dead, but her sperit is doin a large assortment uv hoverin over the South. Ther is niggers in the South, and ez long ez ther is a nigger ther will be Dimocrisy. Yoor noo spouse kin control the North. Her sons are the myriads uv bung-starters and spigot-turners all over the North. They hev power. They fetch a man down to the pint uv votin the Dimekratic tikkit, and they keep him ther. They hev a mortgage on his labor, and whoso controles his labor controles his vote. She is better for yoo and us than ever slavery wuz. Yoor nigger cood run away from yoo and set up ez a man for hisself, but no man kin run away from his appetite; and the longer it stays with him the less man he is. And then the recroots is constantly comin in, and our ranks are constantly bein filled. The beer and whisky shops are our active recrootin agents. They scour the kentry for noo subjicks, and when they git em they keep em. They hev their grip on most uv the young men, and yoo will so strengthen em that they will go onmolestid, buildin yoo up. Likker ez a Dimocratic agency jist more than discounts slavery. Ther is 40 miles uv her in Philadelphia, and a hundred in Noo York. Her kinsmen own the city uv Noo York and all the great cities. We git with her strength enuff to give the controle uv the kentry to the solid South, and that means yoo. Dry yoor teers, and proceed with the ceremony."

The bride skipped over to him, and yanked him off the coffin with more sperit than I shood want in a bride.

"Come off, yoo old ijeot. Wat are yoo snivelin over her fur? I am wuth a dozen uv her. Wat's a few million uv niggers to the gin-mills and

beer-shops uv the hull kentry? Wat's the money interest in niggers compared with wat's investid in brewin and distillin and handlin the likwid death? Men are alluz activ when there is a dollar at stake. Men will peril ther immortle soles to save a dollar wich woodent spend a nickle to promote a grate moral ijee. All my children, all the s'loon-keepers, and them intrestid with em, are bound to yoo the minit yoo espouse me. We're wastin time. To biznis!"

And with a jerk she fetched the poor old man off the coffin and pulled him to his feet.

A pawnbroker near by handid him a handkercher and he wiped his eyes, he marched up to the altar, the devil pronounced the ceremony, and the biznis wuz over.

Dimocrisy wuz wedded to the rum power.

There wuz a slidin out uv the place uv a great many thousands of them wich hed cleen shirts on, and them whose noses were not trooly beekun lites, but ez a solid perceshn uv brewers and s'loon keepers marched in, each one pullin in a score or more uv men whose trousis wuz fractered at the knee, and whose boots wuz out at the toes, and whose faces blazed like meteors, the number wuz more than made up. The smell intensified, and the room glowed like Vesoovius in a state uv erupshen.

The weddin gift wuz valuable. The brewers and s'loon keepers give from $10 to $100 each, the state uv Ohio contribitin alone $2,000,000, wich is jist wat the s'loons expect to save by havin the Scott law repeeled.

I am sorry that I awoke afore they come to the refreshments, for from the preparashens bein made I wuz satisfied that for wunst I shood hev all I wanted. They wuz rollin out barls uv beer, but, unforchoonitly, jist ez they wuz a tappin uv em, I awoke.

It wuz a disappintment. Likker tastes ez good in a dreem ez it does when yoo are awake, and yoo don't git the regulation headache. I hev bin livin on dreams uv Dimekratic success for 20 years.

This wuz a dreem and not a dreem, or ruther, it wuz puttin wat hez actilly happened in the shape uv a dreem. The weddin hez already taken place. Dimocrisy, 20 years a widderer, hez espoused the Rum power and the pair is now dwellin together in yoonity.

It is well. We alluz want suthin solid to stand onto, and we hev it. When slavery died we wuz bereaved, but whisky comes in jist in the nick uv time to take its place. We yoost to git money from the South—now the brewers uv the North supply it.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Modern Bunyan and Postmaster that is to be).

MR. NASBY GOES TO COLUMBUS.

Confederit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jan. 25, 1884.

I wuz called upon to go to Columbus, wich is the cappytyle uv Ohio, to assist my old friend Pendleton, wich I hev knowd but to love for many yeers. I alluz admired Pendleton, and alluz agreed with him except for two things. He outraged Dimocracy in two ways, viz: He alluz wore cleen shirts and wuz the father uv a Civil Servis law. I cood endoor the former ez a insident uv his bringin up, but the latter I never wuz quite satisfied with. Any law wich prevents a Dimekrat from takin an offis when he kin get one, is an outrage wich can't be too severely reprehended. However

forgave him, for I never sposed it meant anything. Ez a perfeshnel fisseeker for many long, weery yeers, and a offis holder at oncertain nd spasmodic intervals, I am perfeckly willin to trust the enforcement of ny law regelatin offis holdin to the Dimocrisy, ef they ever git where hey hev the dispensin uv offises. So long ez the Republikins hev the ower I don't see that it wood worry us very much.

To go to Columbus or anywhere else, to assist in the eleckshun uv Pendleton or anybody else, is to me alluz a work uv necessity and mercy, vich I am willin to do. I am willin to be sent anywhere, for bein sent imlies the payment uv expenses, and the payment uv expenses in any Dimoratic servis meens onlimitid likker. Let me be shoor who pays for my ikker and I keer not who makes my laws.

Arrivin in Columbus I wuz very soon informed ez to the sitooashen. That old war hoss, Durbin Ward, wuz out uv the ring, and Pendleton hiself wuz very much demoralized. A noo element hed come into the conest. Henry B. Payne, the candidate uv the Standard Oil company, wuz he favorit by long odds.

"Certinly," I sed to myself, "ther ain't a goin to be any trouble in beetin the ojus monopolist, Payne. Ther ain't a goin to be any question ez to layin out a man who comes to Columbus on the strength uv his dollars only, espeshly ez them dollars hez, every one uv em, the smell uv oil onto its garmence, every one uv wich wuz dragged out uv the people by the most ojus monopoly ever known in this or any other kentry. We will make short work uv this bloatid devil-fish uv a monopoly. This Legislacher wuz electid by the Dimocrisy ez a reform Legislacher, ez a anti-monopoly Legislacher and it will be troo to its mishn."

Jist ez these thots wuz a passin thro my mind, ther cum into the hotel a batch uv members from the cars, fresh from ther constitooencies. To them I addressed myself:

"Gentlemen," I remarked (most uv em didn't respond when I sed 'gentlemen,' but actid ez tho they didn't know whom I wuz addressin.) "Gentlemen, yoo hev a dooty to perform. Ther is two candidates for the Senit, and yoo must choose atween em. One is Pendleton, a pure Senator, a uprite citizen, and a incorruptible legislator. The other is Henry B. Payne, the tool uv that wuss than bloatid monopoly, the Standard Oil Company. Both ask yoor votes, Pendleton, without fee or reward, Payne's managers for money."

"Wat!" was the response.

"I repeat; Payne's managers for money. For the fust time in the histry uv the state uv Ohio money is bein yoosed to purchis votes. Ez pure men, ez honest men, will yoo endoor this? The managers for Payne are payin ez high ez $2,000 apiece for votes!"

Did these members denounce this brootal monopoly in fittin terms, and swear to never rest till they had crushed it?

Did ther faces contort with rage, and indignashen, and sich, when they heerd these awful words?

Not much.

But they immejitly flew at me and demanded wher Payne's managers cood be found, and ther wuz a foot-race to see wich cood git to his headquarters afore the markit wuz over-stocked. I found em all there and a dozen uz em, who wuz fleshy and coodent run fast, denounst me ez no troo Dimecrat for not hevin informed em sooner, that they mite hev got in before the quota wuz filled, that they mite hev ther whack. Then they asked

wat Pendleton wuz payin, and when I told em nothin, they sot dow and wept.

Payne wuz electid triumfantly.

While my mishn wuz a faleyoor, I am more than satisfied. Hone comes out uv the carkis to-day the same ez in Sampson's time, and we tal the honey, no matter how loud-smellin the carkis.

The defeat uv Pendleton will soon be forgotten. Some uv his frien are sore now, but sich sores soon heel. Pendleton is down, and men forg very quickly forgit, those who are down. Pendleton can't do nothin mo for his frends, but Payne kin, and so Pendleton's frends will bid him affeckshnit farewell, and swear they alluz wuz for Payne.

The honey we git from the carkis is the attachin uv the Standa Oil company to the Dimekratic cart. It is hitched, and must do its sha uv haulin. Standard Oil is now a part and parcel uv the Dimekratic par uv the Yoonitid States.

It is a powerful ally. It hez money onlimitid, for it hez its hand on every drop uv illoominatin and loobricatin flooid in the Yoonitid State No labrer's wife wakes up at nite and turns up her lamp to give sootl ing syrup to her sick child but pays a triboot to the Standard Oil con pany. Every Bible that is read at nite is so many cents to the Standa Oil company. In the matter of Bible readin we hev the bulge on the R publikins, for the Dimocrisy don't pay the Standard people very much this way. Every Irish servant girl wich goes to the next world tryin make green wood burn with kerosene, holocausts herself in the intere uv the Standard Oil company. Old Mr. Payne, when he reads his paper the mornin, and sees that a servant girl hez been cindered in this wa calkilates ez to how much oil wuz in the can, and chuckles to think took a gallon to burn her up, while, hed she lived, she wood hev co soomed that nite not more than half a pint. Every farmer, every labre every house, every shop, hez to pay triboot to the Standard Oil compa and uv course it hez money to any extent.

To hev sich a corporashen hitched onto the Dimekratic party is streek uv luck for wich we can't be sufficiently thankful.

So fur ez money goes, we are now ez well fixed ez any Reform a Anti-Monopoly Party cood wish. The whisky and beer-shops must sta watever levy we choose to put onto em to pertekct em from the Repu kins, and now the Standard Oil comes in to assist with its onlimited meen Ef we don't hev all the money we want, it is becoz we don't choose to a for it.

We hev now a certin fucher. The Dimocrisy is the party uv the pe ple, the opponent uv monopoly and the advokit uv reform. Ez reforme we hev our forces drawd up in solid phalanx. We kin count noses a be sure uv our standin. We hev the beer intrest, the whisky intrest, a the Standard Oil Company. We hev every beer shop, and every whisl shop solid, and the mass uv votes they controle. Addid to this is t money uv the Standard Oil company, and also that wich the Brewe Distillers and 'Sloon Keepers must contribbit, and wat more kin we ask?

With this army uv voters, and this magnificent commissary depa ment, we shel inscribe "Reform!" and "Anti-Monopoly!" onto our banne and go forth conkerin and to conker.

With all these forces combined we can't fail to elect the next Pre dent, turn out the Republikin corruptionists, and inoggerate a rane troo reform, with me in the post offis at the Corners, and Bascom pa

glerly for my supplies. Ef the likker intrest with its hand on the throte nd stumick uv half the men in Ameriky, and the Standard Oil company ith a certinty on every lamp, can't do this I am mistaken. For the fust me in my life I see a lite ahed. It is a kerosene lite, it is troo, but it urns brilyantly.

I woodent give a dollar, ef I hed to go a great way to borrer it, to be shoored the post offis at the Corners after the 4th uv next March.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (S. O. C.)
(Wich is, Standard Oil Company.)

THE CORNERS ON THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
Febrooary 9, 1884.

The Corners is all tore up on the matter uv temprance. The wimmen re, ez yoosual, the fust coz uv the trubble, ez they are the fust coz uv all rubble. Eve begun the rumpus in the Garden uv Eden, and the sex hez ontinyood makin trubble ever since.

The espeshl trubble now is the insane desire wich Mrs. Bascom hez to how off her noo cloze. Bascom hez money to buy his wife noo cloze with, nd like a fool he duz it, and when Mrs. Bascom gits em she can't resist he delite uv wearin uv em in public.

I remonstratid with her, and told her trubble wood ensoo, to wich she nsered :

"Wat is the yoose uv hevin silk dresses ef no one sees em ?"

"You mite put em on, Mrs. B.," I remarkt, "in the privacy uv yoor oom, and gladden the eyes uv G. W., wich pade for em, with the site hereof."

"Bosh!" wuz her reply. "Don't you know that no woman could take ny comfort in noo cloze onless she cood show em to other wimmen ? Can't yoo understand that the cheef delite uv hevin good cloze is in nakin every other woman wich sees em envious uv yoo ? Wear em for G. W., indeed ! I coodent fool him."

And so, that very afternoon, she rigs herself out in a figgered silk ress, with a hat with ostridge feathers in it, and a sealskin sack, and hoes with heels, and red silk stockins, and she paraded the whole length v the streets thus arrayed, and tho the sidewalk wuz ez dry ez a bone he held up her skirts so ez to show them red silk stockins. It is onecessary to say wat effeck it hed onto the other wimmen uv the Corners. Ther wuz sevral dispoots in families wich resultid onpleasantly. Kernel McPelter cum to Bascom's that nite almost baldheadid, and Isaker Gavtt hed a face wich wuz severely scratched, and they both swore that uthin hed to be done to keep Mrs. Bascom from inflamin the minds uv her wives with such fixins.

Then these wimmen started a croosade wich Pollock and Joe Bigler ined in, and the result wuz a meetin uv citizens wich embraced a half ozen men and every woman in the Corners, ceptin Mrs. Bascom. Joe Bigler made a inflammatory speech to these wimmen, showin that ef ther usbands wood let likker alone they cood hev silk dresses and red silk ockins ez well ez Mrs. Bascom, that Bascom wuz absorbin all the money v the Corners, and that so long as he persistid in takin the money uv her husbands for sod-corn whisky, so long wood they hev to dress in calker and go without stockins, anyhow, and they mite consider themselves

lucky ef they corralled enuff to git em shoes. And they interdoost resc looshens demandin the prohibishun uv the sale uv likker in the Corners.

We wuz sent for, and we thot it advisable to go, tho it hurt my feelin to hev a meetin in the Corners uv wich I wuz not cheerman.

The resolooshens wuz read, and ez spokesman for the Liberal party, made a few remarks. I sed possibly a reform wuz needid, that most me wood admit that the trade in likker shood be regelatid. But grate bodie move slowly, and it wuz not wise to attempt too much. To prohibit en tirely wuz too long a step, and wood fale becoz uv the immensity uv th straddle. Wood it not be well to go a little slower and regelate the traffic wich cood be done, instid uv attemptin its destruckshen, wich wuz im possible.

Bascom rose, but I pulled him down.

"Let me manage this," I sed in a whisper, "and thank the good Lor that you hev a man uv sense to turn aside this blow."

"Wat do yoo perpose ?" asked Bigler.

I went on camly. "I shood not attempt to perhibit, but regelate. Reg elashen is possible. Speekin for Bascom, wich represents the likker inter est here, I shood be willin to hev an ordnance passed perhibitin the sale u intoxicatin drinks to drunkards and minors. That is a step in the direck shun you are headin for, and is enuff for a starter."

Then I coodent hold Bascom any more. He riz in his wrath, calle me a fool, and swore I hed no authority from him to make any sich com permise.

"I am perfeckly willin," sed Bascom, "that you shel pass a ordnanc prohibitin the sale uv likker to drunkards. Yoo coodent do me any greate favor. Wat good is the parson here, or Issaker Gavitt, or Deekin Pogram to me ? I hev a mortgage on everything they've got anyhow. Thei farms are kivered ez with a blankit, and they can't work to earn anythin more. I am runnin em on tick, with no hopes uv pay. They hev out lived their yoosefulnis to me. Take em ! Take em ! I hev no furthe yoose for em. But the minors ! Ah, no ! Who is to take the places u these worn-out vetrans at my bar, ef you prevent me from sellin to em They kin still work. They kin still earn money for me, and will be able t for yeers. They hev lands wich I hevn't a mortgage onto, and they he days' works into em, wich ef they come to me, I am shoor to git.

"I don't want the regler drunkards no more, and I am willin yoo sh make it a penitenshary offence to sell em likker. It wood be a good ide to reform em. Yoo kin keer fer em in the poor-house till they git strengt enuff to go to work agin, and then, ez they woodent be drunkards an more, they cood come back to my place with renood strength and mone enuff to make it profitable to hev em. Ez they are, they are no yoose t me. You may hev the drunkards and welcome.

"But the boys I insist upon hevin a whack at. They hev streng they hev vigor and they kin work. I don't perpose to hev them incloodi in any perhibishen movement. Take yer drunkards, but leeve me th boys. When they become drunkards yoo may hev them too, but n now."

Bigler and Pollock swore they'd pass the resolushen ez originelly pr sentid, but Bascom wuz inflexible. He turned to me, and Issaker, and th deekin, and the kunnel, and remarked quietly, but with a manner th meant biznis :

"Gentlemen, let em pass it, but when it comes to a vote at the poll

must be defeetid, or not another drink do yoo git on credit at my bar."

"But public opinion!" I said piteously.

"Public opinyun be d——d!" wuz his reply. "Wher's yoor public opin-n? A lot uv wimmen wich hev no votes, and Joe Bigler, and Pollock, d a passel uv niggers. Ez I sed, I don't keer ef they perhibit sellin to unkards, but the proposishen ez a hull shel go down. I am not crooel. I n willin to carry you awhile longer. It can't be for a great while, and kin stand it."

Bascom sed to us afterward, privately, that he shood see to it that his fe shood not inflame the wimmen uv the Corners any more by appeerin her store cloze, that he hed arranged to send her to Loolsville every ne she yearned to display her dry-goods, and the matter wuz finelly set-ed, so fur ez we were concerned, on that basis.

We shel defeet the proposishen ez a matter uv course, for Bascom hez . He will give us credit, and no one else will. Whether the fanatix ll attempt to carry out ther skeem remains to be seen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Saved by a Scratch).

THE MARRIAGE OF FRED DOUGLASS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
February 19, 1884.

The marriage uv Fred Douglass with a white woman wuz made known the Corners last nite, in the paper wich Bascom subscribes for, for me read in his bar, to the reglers. The Corners wuz never so agitatid sence e firin upon Fort Sumpter.

A nigger to marry a white woman!

A white woman to marry a nigger!

Ez Deekin Pogram remarkt chaos wuz now cum again. He wuz now epared for almost anything. Kernel M'Pelter pintid to it ez the legitimit sult uv freein the niggers, and the nateral outcome uv Republikin tri-nfs. It wuz nothin more than he hed profeside from the beginnin. Give e nigger his freedom fust, then the ballot, then let him hold property, d wat wuz to prevent his marryin white wimmen, or white wimmen from arryin him. Nevertheless he didn't suppose the besotted Republikin party ood re-establish slavery, even with this afore their eyes.

The horrible okkurrence occasioned so much comment that it wuz de-ded to hold a meetin to consider it. The meetin house wuz full and I ok the cheer percisely at 8.

After commentin on the outrage ez its heniosity demandid, I showd at the sooperior race cood not intermingle with the inferior without de-asement, and after yoosin an hour or two to prove from the Skripters at the niggers wuz the inferior race, to wich Joe Bigler replied that ef it uz in the Bible he'd beleeve it, but he bedam ef he wood on any less testi-ony jedgin fromthe gineral average uv white men he knowd at the Cor-ers.

Deekin Pogram then handid me, with grate solemnity, a series uv solooshens wich I hed written and given him to hand to me, owin to his ability to read in a consecootive manner, wich run ez follows:

Whereas, Frederick Douglass, now uv the City uv Washington, a nigger, ich notwithstandin holds a offis wich a white Democrat shood be in the joyment uv, hez married a white woman, and

Whereas, Nacher hez sot the seel uv disapproval onto the mixin uv the two races, the one bein inferior and the other sooperior, and

Whereas, Miscegenashun is a crime agin nacher, and one wich shood be sternly rebooked, no matter wher and how it happens, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the citizens uv the Corners enter their sollum protest agin this marriage uv a white woman with a nigger, and demand uv the President uv the Yoonited States the removal uv the said nigger Douglass from his offis, to the end uv emphasis'n the governmental disapproval uv miscegenashen wich is abhorrent to the Corners.

Joe Bigler ariz and asked the Cheer wat missegenashun really wuz, anyhow.

I replied in a dignified manner that missegenashun wuz the mixin uv the two races, the white and the kulerd.

Mrs. Pogram, wich wuz present, approved uv my definishen.

"Very good," said Josef, camly, "ther is a gentleman present wich will make some remarks on these resolooshens. I beg to interdoose to this meetin, Mr. Simeon Pogram, wich yoost to be well-known in this seckshun 20 yeers ago."

The Deekin fell in a swoon off his cheer, Mrs. Pogram shreeked ez ef billin water hed bin poured down the back uv her neck, and the awjence riz in astonishment.

The nigger wuz an indiviggle wich wuz born into this world uv sin and sorrer about thirty yeers ago, themother thereof bein a likely wench b'longin to Deekin Pogram, and the bornin resulted in the mother's bein sold South, the baby bein sold to a planter adjinin, and the Deekin losin the most uv the hair on his venerable poll. The nigger hed the Pogram nose, tho ez ther wuz sum uv the mother in him, he wuz ruther an improvement on the Pograms proper.

Scasely hed Simeon showed up afore that awdashus Bigler interdoost Pompey M'Pelter, wich endid in Mrs. M'Pelter faintin and bein removed from the house, and to finish it he brot up another yaller man he interdoost ez Washington Gavitt, a half-brother of Issaker Gavitt, all yaller uv various shades.

"There is others," sed Josef, "near by wich wood like to hear testimony in this matter, but I won't interdooseem, indivijjelly, by name. Enter, my children!"

And throwin the door open there surged in a perceshun uv yeller young men and women uv all shades, from the color of a noo saddle up to them wich wuz almost white, whiter than any uv us, ez we wuz, with our hands unwashed.

"These," sed Josef, "is all livin, breathin proofs, that whatever may be the theoretical vews uv the Corners on the subjick uv missegenashen at the present time, it didn't hold them vews some 25 yeers ago, or ef it did hold the vews, the practis uv the Corners wuz quite different from its theories. Ez these fellow citizens and citizenesses hev, every one uv them, white and nigger blood in various portions in their respective veins, there must hev bin considerable missegenashun in this immejit visinity some years ago. For instance Simeon, wich looks enuff like the Deekin Pogram to be his son, is only a quarter black, his mother wuz only half white, wich shows that missegenashun extended back uv the Deekin's time. And Issaker ——"

At this pint I interruptid him. Ther wuz no doubt but that missegenashen, in a modified form, did eggsist under our patriarkel institutions—

"Patriarkel meens 'fatherly,' don't it?" remarkt Bigler.

"Under our patriarkel instooshun, but it wuz not legalized ez in the case under considerashun. It did not reseeve the sankshen uv the law. It wuz not a acknowledgment uv the ekality uv the nigger, on the contrary it wuz a proof uv his inferiority. The nigger wuz our bond man and bond woman to do with ez we pleesed. But this man Douglass, a nigger, hez actilly married a white woman—actilly married her by forms uv law."

"I see," sed Bigler. "I git the bearing uv yoor ijee. Missegenashun to be made entirely rite and proper must be tempered with adultery. Ef Douglass hedn't married the woman it wood hev bin all rite, I spose. Parson, I'm delited to know wher we are on so important a question. That we may be logikelly rite, I move the adopshun uv this addishnel resolooshen:

Resolved, That the Corners hez no objeckshun to the mixin uv the races now or hereafter, pervidin it is done ez the Corners hez always did it, without the sankshen uv marriage.

He put the moshun, the niggers all votid for it, and it was carried. And then Bigler remarkt that ez awful ez this act uv Douglisses wuz, he didn't thing the Corners need hev any feer uv any uv her niggers wantin to marry any uv her white wimmen, or any nigger wimmen wantin to marry any uv her white men. The niggers uv both sexes hed enuff to do to take keer uv themselves, without loadin up with incumbrances. Ef they shood, he wood favor a law, in the interest uv the niggers, forbiddin that sort uv thing. And then he adjerned the meetin sine die.

It is curious that we Dimocrats can't git together for purpus uv resolvin on a simple matter like this, but that that incarnashen uv infernalism, Joe Bigler, shel arise and put us to open shame. Who knows how many sores, parshelly heeled, he opened when he gathered them mulattoes, quadroons and octoroons together that nite! Half the white men uv the Corners cum to Bascom's the next day with their faces disfiggered and lackin in the article uv hair. It is a dangerous subject to interdoose even 20 years after the close of the war and the death of the partriarkle institooshn.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Anti-Missegenashunist).

THE CORNERS CONSIDER THE DEMOCRATIC FAITH.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 17, 1884.

The disturbed condishn uv Dimocrisy hez bin weighin onto the Corners for sum weeks. We are in ruther a pekoolyer way here, and require suthin more than commoonities differently organized. Bascom hez a mortgage onto everything wich Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Kernel McPelter hez, and ez for me I owe him for sevrel yeers' supplies, but hev to hev jist ez much uv his goods ez tho I wuz a Vanderbilt. Stumick is stumick, and a postmaster out uv biznis hez the same gnawin therein ez tho he wuz sittin quietly in his offis and drawin his salery regler.

Bascom's intrest in politix lies cheefly in the fact that the Dimocrisy uv the Corners will hev whisky, and, ez they won't work, ther ez no way uv payin for it except they hold the offises, and the interest uv the rest uv us is in holdin the offises, not so much with a vew uv payin wat we owe ez hevin our supplies in the fucher regeler and not precarious. We want to rest nites quietly.

The nigger, Lubbock, wich holds the Postoffice, and Joe Bigler, wich is the Collector, don't drink likker, so they are no good to Bascom nor to us.

In vew uv the differences uv opinion wich threaten the success uv th Dimocrisy, we held a meetin last nite to draft a series uv resoloosheng se ting forth wat we deemed wuz rite, and wat not, to enshoor the elecshu uv a Dimekrat President and the consekent releef uv the Deekin, Issake Kernel McPelter and myself.

I called the meeting to order and asked for sejestions.

Kernel McPelter, wich is tryin to sell a part uv his farm for a iron fac tory, remarkt that to enshoor the success uv the Dimocrisy a strong pos shen shood be taken in favor uv Perteckshun to Amerikin industry.

Deekin Pogram riz immejitly and insistid that instid uv Perteckshu the party shood take strong ground in favor uv absloot Free Trade.

Ez the two wuz about to engage in a altercashen that wood endange the harmony uv the meetin, I stopt em.

"Gentlemen," I remarkt, "the harmony uv the party must not be dis turbed by any sich triflin matter ez a Tariff. We want Pennsylvany an Ohio and ef we declare for Free Trade we lose em. We want Illinoy an Wisconsin, and ef we declare for Perteckshun we lose them states. Th Tariff, gentlemen, is a question that shood be liftid out uv politix."

Issiker Gavitt ariz and moved ez the sense uv the meetin, that th ackshen uv the Dimocratic legislacher uv Ohio in passin a civil rites bil givin the niggers the same privileges ez the whites, wuz not Dimekratic and shood be frowned down.

Bascom riz and remarkt that Issaker wuz a dam fool. The Dimocris uv Ohio wantid the nigger vote. Ez a nigger's money at his bar wuz e good ez a white man's, so on eleckshun days a nigger's vote counted e much ez a white man's. He moved that it be declared the sense uv th meetin that the shootin uv niggers at Danville, Virginy, and Copiah county Mississippi, wuz infamus.

Ez these two wuz liable to lock horns, I riz agin.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "the harmony uv the Dimocrisy must not be dis turbed by any such triflin questions ez whether a nigger shel ride first-clas in Ohio, or be shot in Mississippi. We want the nigger vote in Ohio, wher we need it, and we don't care a soo markee about it in Mississippi, wher Dimocrisy hez control uv the shot-guns. We turn over the nigger to th several states. The nigger question is one that shood be lifted out c politix."

The Deekin murmured suthin about Dimocrisy meanin opposishun t Nashnel banks, when Kernel McPelter, wich hez a cuzin who is presiden uv a bank, and from whom he borrers occasionally, riz to oppose him, an they wuz a goin to hev a shindy.

I riz wunst more.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "the question uv currency operates in some seck shuns for us and some agin us. Ez we want all seckshuns can't yoo se that the question uv currency, like the two wich hev come before us, shoo liftid out uv politix?"

"May I humbly enqire," sed Issaker, "wat the cheerman's noshun u Dimocrisy is, anyhow?"

"Ez a babe and a sucklin," sed the Deekin "that is wat I shood lik to know."

Wunst more I riz.

"Gentlemen," sed I impressively. Dimocrisy is all embracin, Dimocris is liberal. Dimocrisy is ez flexible ez a injy-rubber shoe. Dimocrisy mea postoffises. Dimocrisy means custom houses. Dimocrisy means collecto

ships. On sich questions ez them wich hev come afore this meetin Dimocrisy gives every man the rite to hold jist sich views ez he chooses. Afore eleckshun it is our biznis to be very broad. Does one voter want civil servis reform? Dimocrisy comes up smilin and sez 'certinly.' Does another oppose it? Dimocrisy sees no good in sich abstracshuns. Dimocrisy hez that elastisity that straddles from Randall to Morrison without splittin its trowsers. Like the man in the cirkus, Dimocrisy is trained to the contortion act. I defy any man to propound to me any question betwixt this and next November that I won't agree with him on, ef I only know what he wants. We ostracise nobody who hez a vote, and who is willin to vote with us. We may assoom a bold front agin the Chinese, becoz they ain't voters, and ain't got no friends wich does vote, and we mite take a whack at the Mormons for the same reason. Ef they shood ever hev the ballot, aboosin uv em now won't hurt us. We kin do ez we did in Ohio with the nigger. It ain't difficult to deny a record, and by extra zeal for em in the fucher make up what we did agin em in the past.

"Our policy is, this yeer, very simple. Wat we want in the government jist now is Reform. That is a safe ishoo, alluz, espeshly again a party wich hez bin in power. Everything that goes wrong doorin the rane uv a party in power is charged up to the akkount uv the party. It is a principle in human nacher. Ef we cood hev weevle in the wheet next summer it wood save us, the Heshun fly wood give us ded-wood on the Republikins, and the potato rot wood be our salvashen. With these calamities I shood go forth gaily, and when a farmer didn't hev money to pay taxes with, I shood remark to him, impressively, 'Yoo are in trubble, my friend. And yit yoo perpose to continyoo in power a Republikin administrashen! Ef yoo wood hev better times my honest friend, jine with me, and turn the raskels out." Ten to one ef he didn't do it.

"I love to eleckshuneer a farmer who is sittin on a fence watchin the weevle eat his wheet.

"With weevle in the wheet, with the help uv the gin mills and beer-shops, we kin elect the next President and sekoor the post-offises, pervided the Dimocrisy don't permit theirselves to be split up on sich triflin matters ez tariffs, banks, nigger votin, civil servis reforms, internel improvements and sich things, wich this yeer, anyhow, shood be liftid out uv politix.

"We will adjern this meetin to wunst. We must learn not to put too much stress onto mere abstrakshuns. A post-offis is not an abstrackshun, but suthin real. We must learn to take our Dimocrisy, ez we do our likker, strate, and swaller it, askin no questions. Wat we want to make the times good—with us—is the Fedrel offises at the Corners. I don't keer who plants or who waters, so that we git the increese. Paul or Apollos, it's all one to me. In sich times remember that everything that is kalkulatid to lose votes shood be liftid out uv politix. Our central thot and golden text is—Post-offis."

And after this orashen we adjerned to Bascom and wuz refreshed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Politikle Manager.)

THE WOMEN OF THE CORNERS AGAIN.

Confederit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
April 5, 1884.

The wimmen uv the Corners are givin us much more trouble than the men. We kin git on with Bigler and Pollock, for we kin fite them, but

when the wives, dawters and sisters uv the Corners git to invadin the sak red precinks it worries us. Only last nite ther wuz almost a tragedy They cum in and led out the Deekin Issaker, the Gavitt and Kernel Mc Pelter by the ear, took em home and locked em in their cold houses anc they returned and sot up in Bascom's bar room till 12 o'clock at nite. I wuz terrible.

I have studied woman with great care; and I am free to admit tha she hez her yooses in this world; but she is not a man and never kin be. Al the attempts to convert her into sich will alluz result in ignominyus fail yoors. Woman is ornamental; and, in certin capacities, yooseful. In he proper speer,—movin in her regler orbit,—nothin kin be better. The wif uv Issaker Gavitt is to Bascom a pleasin picter when she is the fore ground uv a wash-tub, pertikelerly ez he knows that all the money sh earns at that pursoot he will inevitably spend at his bar. There she is i her nateral speer, and is good. But when that same bein flies out uv he orbit and flies into hizzen, she is like a comet, wich sloshes about amon worlds and smashes things. When she rushes frantically in to his bar with her four hungry brats close behind her, and forbids him to sell t Issaker, ez she wants what she hez earned, at least, to buy pervishen and shoes for the children, she don't please me at all; she is interferi with Issaker's prerogative ez a man; and, while I don't delite in broo tality, I can't deny that she richly deserves the black eye wich she allu gits on sich occasions.

I wuz never so convinst uv the danger uv women gettin out uv the speer ez I wuz one nite when she wuz tryin to get Issaker home, and h struck her. "Hevins! ef we only cood do suthin," sed this brazen wretch chokin with teers and pashn, "its quick enuff we'd shut up sich holes e yoorn!" This to Bascom!

The remark wuz full uv meanin to me. Isaker, and the others wh spend the most uv their time and all their money with Bascom, agree with me that nothin cood be so dangerous to our liberties ez women. The hevn't the reasonin faculties uv men, and hevn't the stiddiniss necessar to the proper exercise uv the governin function. Bascom's customers he often commenced the discushn uv this question, and wood, doubtliss, he struck out suthin startlin, ef they cood hev kept sober long enuff to he developed their ideas; but this I know, that every man who frekents hi bar is opposed to wimmin, ceptin at home in their place.

I hev reasons for not lovin woman too much. I wuz wunst the hea uv a family; that is, I wuz where I wuz entitled to be so by law. In m yoothful days, I married. My spouse wuz the owner, in her own rite u a productive farm in Noo Jersey; and I hed pictered in my mind a life u felicity sich ez the poets dreem uv. It wuz a froot farm; and I sed to my self, Looizer Jane shel pick them peaches; Looizer Jane shel market then Ez for me, I shall lay me on my back under the trees, and, smokin m pipe, try to forgive Eve for bringin labor into the world. I thought I woo compel Looizer Jane to make reparashen to me for the evil her mother i flicted on me and all men.

I hed miscalculated Looizer Jane. When I gave my direckshens t first time, ez to what she shood do, she refoozed. I remonstrated with he when that infooriatid and muskeler female knocked me down with a cha and histed me out uv the house by main strength. When I returned, s poured hot water on me (wich akkounts for my baldnis), and told me ef come near her for three yeers she'd kill me. At the end uv that period s

got a divorse, on the ground uv desershen!! sence wich time I hev wantered up and down the earth with noboddy to care for me. The court didn't even grant me alimony!

She hez bin runnin the farm ever sence.

The only proper marriage arrangements I hev ever seen is among the Soo Injuns. The sooperior bein uv that tribe, when he wants a wife, simply knocks down with a club the maiden onto whom he hez fixed his love. This is in token uv his sooperiority. Ef she survives, she rises, and immejitly goes out and picks up dry wood, dresses the game in his lodge, cooks his dinner, wich the gushin child uv nacher eats, and immejitly goes to the nearest settlement, and gits ez drunk ez a lord; wich practice is continyood every day till death doth them part. She dresses the game, tans the skins uv the buffalo he kills, cultivates the corn, and, in short, does the work uv life; wich gives her master the time necessary to his mental and moral improvement.

Ah! with all our boastid civilizashen, we kin yit learn suthin from the noble red man! Ef sich customs prevailed among us, I wood hev me a wife to wunst, but rather than be coerced ez the married men uv the Corners are, I will remain single forever. Ef I cood find a woman willin to work for me it wood anser, but wat I kin borrer barely supplies my appetite, and I don't keer to further burden my capassity. The woman wich wants me must be willin to keer for me. Them's my only terms. No man with a consoomin appetite hez any biznis with a wife. She don't recognize the necessity uv supplyin it, and murmurs at cold rooms, and bad cloze, wich is annoyin.

No man kin support Bascom and a family at the same time. He must give up one or the other. Ef he hez a appetite for Bascom the wife must support herself and the children, and ef she is a lovin wife she will help her husband out with Bascom. Sich a wife I cood cling to, but no other.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Philosopher).

THE TROUBLES OF A SALOON-KEEPER.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
April 11, 1884.

Last nite we wuz all sittin comfable in Bascom's. It wuz a deliteful evening we wuz a spendin. The nite wuz cold and chill, and the wind wuz whislin drearily thro the dark, but the cheerlisnis uv the weather outside only made it the better for us. The stove wuz full uv wood and red hot on the top, diffusin heat, wich is life, through the room, the hiss uv Issaker Gavitt's tobakker joose ez he spit cheerfully onto the hot plates, mingled musikelly with the draft up the chimney, and Bascom, yeeldin to the seductive inflooences uv comfort that wuz in the place, hed hot water on the stove, and Mrs. Bascom mixed with her fair hands the hot punches wich ever and anon we ordered.

"Wat a happy life yoors is, Bascom!" sed Kernel McPelter.

"Happy!" remarkt Issaker Gavitt, "I shood say so. Nuthin to do but to sell likker at a profit uv 200 per cent, and every customer you git ded shoor for life."

"Gentlemen," sed Bascom, onbendin, for he wuz drinkin hot whisky, too, "there is advantages in runnin a wet grosery, but it hez its drorbax. It is troo that ther is 200 per cent profit, or wood be ef you got paid for it. But, alas! yoo don't git paid for it all. A ingenuous youth comes into my

bar, wich hez a small farm, and he gits to takin his sustenance. That wood be all rite for me ef he cood only take his sustenance and take keer uv his farm at the same time. But he don't, and whenever the necessity uv takin sustenance begins to be regler, jist when he mite be uv the most yoose to me, I hev notist ther wuz alluz a fallin off in his corn crap. Corn won't grow onless yoo plant it, hoe and tend it, and a man wich becomes a regler customer uv mine don't plant, tend nor hoe to advantage.

"Then, not hevin corn to sell, he can't pay for likker, and ez he must hev it, he goes on tick, and finelly mortgages his place. Troo, I alluz git the place, but it wood do better for me ef he cood keep on workin it, spendin the proceeds at my bar. Ther is very few men wich kin do this.

"And then death is another drawback to my biznis. Ef a man cood only drink regler and live to be 70, it wood eb suthin wuth while. But they don't do it. They are cut off by the crooel hand uv death jist when they git to be yooseful to me. This one goes uv liver disease, tother one uv kidney trubble, rhoomatism sets in and knocks one uv em off his pins, softenin uv the brane kills another—"

Joe Bigler, who jist dropped in, doubted the last disease. "No man wich hed a brane to soften wood tetch the d——d stuff," sed he.

"And then," continued Bascom, "ther is chronic diarreer, wich raises the devil with em, and if one uv em gits hurt he never gits over it, and then bronkeetis comes in on em, and dyspepsy — wat good is a man for work wich hez dyspepsy?—and ther is so many diseases that hits the man wich takes hizzen regerly that they die altogether too early. Them ez holds on can't work after a certin time, and them ez don't hev the constitoo shen to hold on perish like the lilies uv the valley, jist when they git regler enuff to be profitable.

"And then other trubbles interferes with me. When a noo man gits too full he quarrels and comes to an end from injoodishusnis. I hev bin in this room 25 yeers, and I hevn't seen mor'n a dozen uv my best customers some uv em wuth two dollars a day to me, stretched out on the floor, with bullet holes or knife wounds into em. It wuz a severe blow when Bill Rutlidge wuz killed rite where the deekin is sittin. He spent on a average $4 a day with me, and he wuz snuffed out in a minit. And then they hung Sam Kitridge, wat shot him, and ther wuz another loss uv about the same. Both on em, hed they lived, wood hev bin my meet for yeers, for they wuz both strong men, and cood hev endoored a pile uv it.

"There are other trubbles. It is not pleasant to hev men inflamed with likker beatin each other over their heads with bottles and tumblers for it destroys glassware, and furnitoor is apt to be broken. I hev offen wished I hed a kind uv whisky wich didn't make maniacs uv them wich drink it, but I never saw any uv that kind. I hev offen seen a dozen rollin on the floor to-wunst and when they come to drawin pistols and shooting permiskus, it ain't pleasant nor profitable. I hev hed pistol balls after goin thro a man, smash bottles in the bar, and how are yoo goin to tell whose pistol did the damage?

"Besides these drawbax, comes sich ez yoo. Wat yoose are yoo to me? It's 'Bascom, a little old rye strate,' and after my good likker is gone comes the everlastin remark, 'Jist put it down.' That's the disgustin part uv it. Ef yoo cood work and earn suthin and pay cash, there wood be suthin in the biznis, but yoo don't.

"To make the sloon biznis wat it ought to be, I want a noo race uv men. I want a set uv customers with glass-lined stummicks backed up

with fire-brick. I want a lot uv men with heads so constructed that they kin go to bed drunk and wake up in the mornin and go about their work. I want a set uv customers with stumicks and heads so constructed that likker won't kill em jist ez soon ez it becomes a necessity to em. However, I manage to git on. There ain't no rose without a thorn."

This wuz the longest speech I ever knowd Bascom to make. Wat he sed is troo. I hev eggsperienced it in my own person. I never kin go to work after a moist nite. However it hezn't made much diffrence in my case. I never wood work anyhow, drunk or sober, and ez I hev to lay in bed till noon after a damp nite, it is reely a savin to me. I git up after a moist nite jist in time for dinner, savin my breakfast, wich is economy. I git along better that way. I hev to pay for my breakfasts, and ez I don't pay nothin for likker, all I save in breakfasts is economy.

I shel keep on, I spose, forever, but despite wat Bascom sez ez to the dror-bax I shood like to be in his place. Beside wat I got off my customers, I cood git my own supplies at wholesale, and that wood be suthin. I shood not experience a pang when I laid down a ten-cent piece, and wonder where the next wood come from.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (With a consoomin appetite).

MR. NASBY DREAMS A DREAM.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
June 9, 1884.

I hed a dreem last nite wich I wish from the bottom uv my heart cood be realized. It wuz a dreem so rich, so full uv everything wich wuz deliteful, that I almost wish I hed died afore awakenin from it to the cold realities uv a crooel and unsympathetic world. It wuz a dreem wich extendid over a considerable space uv time.

Methawt I wuz a delegate to the Dimekratic nashnel convenshun from this deestrik in Kentucky. I wuz entirely happy, for I hed rooms at a fust class hotel and plenty uv money, for I hed promised the managers uv all uv the candidates to vote for their man, and wuz reseevin money from eech. In addishn I hed sold all five uv the tikkits I hed at my dispcsal to the convenshun to outsiders, and hed turned a handsome penny buyin up from the other delegates, and sellin agin at a higher price. All the delegates wuz on the make, only I hed sooperior intelligence.

It wuz a deliteful experience only it wuz in my sleep. Thank heaven for sleep! All my good times I hev in my dreem. We wuz about to concentrate on Tilden, Saml. J., his barl hevin bin tapped at both ends and bung knocked out. The old gentleman hed actooally determined to be a candidate, on a reform platform, and wuz a buyin up uv delegates at a rate wich I never dreemed he wuz capable uv. No matter wat may be sed uv his honisty, ther ain't no doubt ez to his liberality or his akkerit knowledge uv the make up uv Dimekratic convenshuns. I hed sold out to him four times, and so hed the heft uv the delegates, and we got our money every time. Samyooel's managers sed that so sot wuz the old man on the question uv reform that he'd scoop the nominashen, ef he hed to buy every delegate to the convenshun.

Jist ez we hed made up our minds to vote for him, and end the matter, we reseeved a dispatch from Noo York that the old man hed bin struck with paralysis, and his rite side wuz completely dead. His managers were appalled at the terrible intelligence, but not so the delegates. One

gentleman from Injeany riz to his feet and demandid in thunder tones ef he cood still yoose his left hand.

"He kin!" wuz the reply.

"Very good, then. He kin sign checks with his left hand, and so long ez he kin sign checks he is a good enuff reform candidate for me. With him ez our standard-barer, the Dimocrisy uv Injeany will pay cash for likker this fall, anyhow."

Then the dreem went on. We went into the campane and I moved immediately to Injeany, becoz ther ain't no money in bein a Dimocrat in Kentucky. Kentucky is safe enyhow, and when I asked Tilden for cash contribooshens for the campane I wuz met with a chillin refoozle. "The reform tikkit kin kerry Kentucky anyhow," wuz the chillin response, "and my money must go into the doubtful states."

Injeany bein a doubtful state, I went over there, and threw my sole into the work. I got the posishen uv disburser in a Congressional deestrik and when the eleckshun cum I voted six times, gittin my three dollars per vote with the rest uv em.

In my dreem Tilden wuz electid on the reform ishoo, and then came the millenium. We didn't pay much attenshun to questions uv public polisy but we did make a cleen sweep uv all the Republikin offis holders. We spared nothin. One-armed soljers wuz throwd out uv places, ez well ez wimmen wich held small postoffises. Ther wuzn't a offis, no matter how small, wich we didn't find a sturdy Dimocrat willin to take. Ther wuz wher we commenced the work uv reform.

Uv course I got the post-offis at the Corners. The nigger Lubbock, wich hed held it sence Grant's first inoggerashun, wuz relegatid to his shoe-bench, and I wuz installed in his place. The salary wuzn't large, but ther wuz perkisits. I didn't hev the handlin uv any letters containin remittances for noosepapers, so I got no revenoo from that. The Republikins in this vicinity, ez soon ez I wuz installed, mailed ther letters containin money for noosepapers at other offises, becoz, ez they remarkt, they hed bin interdoosed to me, and the Dimocrisy don't take noosepapers. This source uv revenoo wuz cut off entirely.

But ther wuz other things wich did pay. I reseeved on a average six letters a day addressed to the Looseaner and other lotteries, and them I captured. I beleeve that games uv chance is immoral. Shood I encurridge my people in this wickednis? No, and to cure em I opened ther letters and didn't let em know that I hed the money, hopin that after tryin several times for a prize and gittin nuthin, they wood desist. There is many ways uv servin the Lord, and I hev my pekoolyer way. And it wuz with grim satisfackshen that I opened Bascom's regler remittances to Noo Orleens for lottry tikkits, and went over and pade him for his likker in the same.

I quit goin to Bascom's almost altogether. I preferred to sit in my offis, by a open winder, thro wich I cood see the smoke uv McPelter's distillery risin gracefully to the hevins, and send my first assistant out whose salary I collectid uv the government, givin him my doo bill therefor, for my likker. It wuz easier sendin him out for my drinks than to go myself, and much more dignified.

Deekin Pogram hed got to be collector, vice Pollock removed, and ez we hed got an appropriashen for slack-waterin Seceshen crik, with all uv us in the contrak, and likewise an appropriashen for a noo postoffis Bascom wuz reseevin cash for his likker, and the Corners wuz happy.

That wuz in my dreem ez I dozed in a chair at Bascom's. Wood that that dreem hed continnered. But it did not. I wuz awakened by the firin uv guns, and from force uv habit contraktid when I wuz in the Looisiana Pelikins, the minnit I heerd th sound I instinctively started to run. Comin to myself, and rememberin th t the war wuz over, I sot down agin.

Wat sounds reeched my ears? It wuz Pollock and Joe Bigler and a hundred niggers on the square hoorahin for Blaine and Logan! That wuz no dreem. The Republikin convenshun hed met and did its work, and these disturbers hed got the news. And they wuz organizin a Blaine and Logan club rite under our noses, and ez they hev got too strong to be skeert by shot-guns, it isn't at all onlikely that they may kerry the county.

Sadly I asked Bascom for suthin, and firmly he refoosed. "I don't beleeve," sed Bascom, "that you will ever git that postoffis, and therefore, henceforth, for you, likker is cash on delivery, or a minit afore delivery."

And jist then Lubbock, the nigger postmaster, past by, and he leered into my face with a four-years'-more expression onto his face that wuz sickenin. It wuz more than sickenin—it wuz feendish.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despondent).

MR. NASBY CALLS A MEETING.

Confedrit X Roads,
Joon 21, 1884.

I considered it necessary to call the Dimocrisy together last nite to the end uv concertin methods uv conductin the next campane. Inezmuch ez the salvation uv the Corners, ez well ez the kentry, depends upon the defeat uv Blane, I concluded to act upon the prinsiple that eternal vigilence is the price uv liberty. In the intrest uv reform and pure government we must defeet Blane, and to defeet Blane we must kerry Injeany, and to kerry Injeany I determined to git ready the men we shel send from Kentucky to vote, and hev em in readinis to go, ez soon ez we know that the price per hed hez bin put up in hard cash. We are patriots, but we alluz want to know fust whether our candidate hez a barl, and second, whether he is goin to put it on tap.

Therefore I called a meetin that I mite set the ball rollin and commenst to address it myself. I opened elokently ez follows:

"Fellow Citizens:—To begin with, I shel hev to explane—"

That wuz all uv that speech wich I ever delivered. That audashus wretch, Joe Bigler, forced his way thro the throng, and ascendin to the pulpit rekested me to set down, wich I did. When he requests I alluz do.

"Feller citizens," sed Josef, "the word 'explain' wich our subsided frend yoosed reminds me uv an anecdote. There wuz a stutterin man wich hed a wife, and the wife went away from home to visit her mother, to be gone two weeks. She hed jist got to the depot to take the train, when she remembered suthin wich made it necessary for her to return immejitly to her peeceful home. She entered the front door and diskivered her husband on the stares, kissin her servant girl. This wuz twenty yeers ago. The gentleman wich stuttered wuz narratin the affectin insident to his friends, recently, and he remarked: 'And j-j-j-ist t-t-t-think uv t-t-the o-n-r-r-reasonb-b-b-len-e-e-ss uv w-w-w-w-o-men. It t-t-t-took me f-f-f-fifteen yeers to explain that.'

"My friends, Dimocrisy hez a very similer experience. Originally he wuz wedded to the Goddis uv Liberty, and a very promisin couple they

wuz. But in Calhoon's time the Goddess caught him kissin the old harlot Seceshn, and he hez bin 30 odd yeers explainin that.

"Scasely wuz that fixed up when he went gallivantin off after Slavery, the elder sister uv Seceshn, and made war upon Mexico at her biddin. He hez bin over 30 yeers explainin that.

"Onct more leavin his lawful bride, he took an excursion into Kansas, and wuz kep mity busy for sevral years explainin that.

"Then Slavery and Seceshn jined hands in 1861, and attempted to murder his spouse, and he follered em blindly, givin em all the help he cood. He hez bin explainin that for about 24 yeers.

"From 1865 to 1878 he made a vigerus effort to save the life uv both the old hags, and he hez hed his hands full ever since to explane that.

"Forgettin his marital vows he afterwards assaulted his wife's fust cousin, the Nashnel Credit, and insisted upon fiat money and killin off speshy payment, and he hez bin explainin that ever sence.

"And jist now he is off on a expedition with Free Trade, and he will worry yer souls out uv yoo for the next ten years tryin to explane that.

"He prosecuted every unjust war we hev waged, and opposed the only just one we ever hed, and he hez bin explainin both uv em ever sence.

"He rushed off into repoodiashen uv a honest debt, and he hez bin explainin that ever since.

"He howled for speshy, when we ought to hev good paper munny, and howled for rag munny when we ought to hev nothin but speshy or its equivalent, and he hez bin explainin that ever sence.

"In breef, the fust thing a Dimekratic speeker alluz does when he commences his speech is to explain, and that okkepies him till he closes.

"My friends, ther don't happen to be a single thing that Dimocrisy hez attempted to do that he hezn't bin compelled to explane. He hez managed with a skill wich is trooly wonderful to git on the wrong side uv every question that hez bin before the Amerikin people ever since he wuz born. Ef there's a sin wich he hezn't taken to his buzm and fur wich he is now explainin, I don't happen to remember it. If's there's a heresy he hezn't sided with, an error wich he hezn't embraced, a wrong wich he hezn't championed, and a piece of d—d foolishnis wich he hezn't endorsed I hev forgotten it.

"Other parties sometimes make mistakes—the Dimocrisy hez a weaknis for crime. It perpetooally wants to commit murder, without any reason for it. It is the one party that never wuz rite. One wood suppose it mite occasionally blunder into doin the proper thing, but it doesn't. It hez the whisky inflooence at its back, and it wood court Mormonism ef Utah hed a electoral vote. Ther ain't any sin wich it doesn't take to with a relish, none wich its adherence won't stumick. The Dimekratic stumick is wuss nor an ostrich's—the ostrich kin digest simple stones—Dimocrisy waxes strong on actooal pizen. It can't feed on grass, and sweet corn wood turn its stumick. It wants still slops with stricknin into it.

"The Dimekratic party is like a retreetin army—it alluz hez to look out for its reer. It's biggest enemy is it's past. It's continyooally whitewashin its past. It hez to spend it's entire time explainin how it hezn't bin reely to blame fur bein a d—d fool. It's——"

It wuz high time for this sort uy talk to stop, for the infiddle hed really got the attenshun uv the people. Ther wuzn't no yoose uv movin an adjernment, and the people must be stampeded sumhow. Heroic treatment wuz necessary. Camly I rose, and, interruptin the speeker, remarkt to the awjence:

"Gentlemen, I hev recently hed a legacy left me, and I rekest yoo all to accompany me to Bascom's, where I hev several bottles drawd from a fresh barl, wich yoo are welcome to. I want yoo to jine me in a drink!"

The effeck wuz electrikle. There wuz a wild charge for the door, fur three bottles wood skasely go round in sich a crowd, and each wuz determined to be fust. Issaker Gavitt piled over the heds uv the crowd, and wuz out uv the door in a jiffy, with Deekin Pogram hangin to his coat tails. The sagashus old man wuz confiscatin a porshun uv the strength uv the younger man, that he mite not be eternelly too late.

I had to pawn a Waterbury watch wich I hed borrered uv a travelin man for a Looisville whisky house, to git the bottles, for Bascom is obdoorit. But I succeeded in breakin up the meetin. The Apossle Paul coodn't hold a Cross Roads awjence agin a invitashen to take suthin.

I hev hopes that this sacrifice will be remembered by the next administrashen, ef we elect a Dimekratic President. It is no small matter fur mo to put out three bottles uv whisky for others when I so need em myself. But sacrifices must be made for the cause.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Worried).

THE CORNERS RATIFY THE NOMINATIONS.

Confederit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
July 14, 1884.

The nooze uv the nominashen uv Cleveland, for the Presidency by the Dimecratic nashnel convenshun at Chicago, reecht the Corners, by mule express from the stashen at Secessionville. To say that the nooze evoked the profoundest sensashen is puttin it altogether too mild. The horn wuz tooted from the front uv Bascom's grosery, and at the summons the citizens uv the Corners rallied at the meetin house and we organized ourselves towunst into a ratification meetin.

I took the chair, ez a matter uv course, and Isaker Gavitt wuz yoonanimously appintid sekretary, he bein the only citizen uv the Dimekratic persuasion in the Corners wich hez the gift uv ritin, ceptin myself, and uv course I can't be president and sekretary uv the same meetin.

The follerin resoloosheu wuz to-wunst submitted:—

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv Confedrit X Roads hev heerd with mingled emoshuns uv pleasure and gratitood uv the nominashen uv that sterlin patriot and world-renowned statesman, Cleveland, uv—

Ther ensood at this pint a most okkerd pause.

What state is Cleveland from?" enquired the cheerman uv the commity on resoloosheu.

"Uv Noo York," I answered promptly.

The blank wuz filled in wen unforchnitly it wuz sejestid that ez the resoloosheu wuz agoin out to the world it wood be decent to put in his fust name, and not one uv us knowd wat it wuz.

Deekin Pogram insistid that it must be Androo. "The fust vote I cast for a Dimokrat for President," he remarkt, "wuz for Androo, Androo Jaxon, and the last Dimekratic President we hed wuz another Androo—Androo Jonsen. This man, Cleveland, his name must be Androo."

And so it went into the resoloosheu "Androo Cleveland."

I diskivered a diffikilty the minit I red the platform. Deekin Pogram, is, and alluz hez bin, a violent free trader, while Issaker Gavitt, is, and hez bin, a violent perteckshunist, ever sence he sekoored an interest in a

rollin mill wich sum Eastern capytalist establisht on his father's farm. I supposed, however, that I hed em both fixed. I red it to em separately, and constrood to Isaaker that nothing cood be more peteckshun, and to the good old Deekin that it wuz ez wildly free trade ez ever he cood desire.

The platform wuz red by myself and we proposed another resolooshen approvin that. Then trouble ensood.

Deekin Pogram, wich is a violent free trader, riz to remark that he cood vote for that platform with his whole hart and sole. He hed bin a free trader all his life, and he never knowd a Dimekratic convenshun to plant itself so cleerly and explicitly on the side uv free trade sence he hed bin in pollytix.

Issaker Gavitt riz to say he cood vote for the tariff plank with all his hart, becoz that plank showd that the Dimocrisy hed finely got right on the tariff question, the plank, ez he red it, being for the proteckshun uv Amerikum industry. It wuz encurridgin to them, wich beleeved in progress and sich, to hev the Dimocrisy uv the nashen rite onto this most important pint.

"Do you pretend to say that the Dimocratic platform favors perteckshun?" shreeked the Deekin. "Ez it wuz red to me, it iz for free trade, pure and simple."

"Yoo old ass, can't yoo understand plane English? Ef it isn't a square toed proteckshun dockyment I can't spell. Yoo are a fool and alluz wuz."

Jist then the Deekin, in the interest uv harmony, announst his intenshun uv whalin Issaker and proceedid to do it,and ez the old man alluz did hev muscle ther wuz the prospex uv a lively row. He jumped across the seets to the secretary's desk and hed Issaker by the throte, and Issaker hed him by the hair wher it is the shortest, and they wuz a rollin on the floor in less'n no time.

In the meantime Bascom and Kernel M'Pelter hed got into a tussel ez to what the platform meant on the money question, and the rest uv the citizens got into a squabble ez to whether Cleveland wuz a Dimekrat at all or not, becoz Tammany opposed him, and the upshot uv the biznis wuz ther wuz a row wich incloodid every Dimekrat present except me, and we broke up without passin any resolooshens or ratifyin the nominashens at all.

Deekin Pogram and I retired to the back room uv Bascom's, and while the old saint wuz a washin the blood orf his face, we hed a conversashen over the platform.

"Parson," said the old man, "what is the reel meaning of the platform?"

"Anything yoo like," wuz my reply, "anything yoo like. Remember it's a Dimocratik platform, and a Dimocratik platform must be comprehensive."

"Does it meen free trade or pertekshun?"

"Either or both, or neither."

"Parson, wunst on a time an ekestrian attempted the perilus feet uv ridin two hosses, wich wuz a goin in different direckshuns. It resultid in a totle failyoor, and he wuz split in two, and his blood drenched the arena."

"Deekin, I recognize the parable. But yoo must remember we ain't ridin two hosses, jist now. We hev only promised to ride em. We hev promised to ride the perteckshun hoss and likewise the free trade hoss, but we don't hev to git onto em till after the November elekshun. The post offises and custom houses are then sekoored, and after that we kin ride

either hoss, or neither, ez we see fit. The main pint is to get the offises. After that we will take our chances with the people. We git four yeers lease uv power anyhow. Do you see?"

"Principle?" sed the Deekin inquirinly.

"My prinsiple, my deer old frend, is to hev the post offis at the Corners. Yoors shood be to git yoorself warm in the collector's offis. See?"

The Deekin did see, and within five minits he wuz moppin the blood from his face on the streets, and hoorayin for Cleveland and the platform. A similar conversation with Issaker Gavitt perdoost similer results, and at 11 at nite they wuz both sleepin the sleep uv a gallon uv whisky on the floor at Bascom's.

"Dimokratic harmony!" remarkt Bascom, smilinly, to wich I assented.

I can't understand why voters don't understand Dimocratic convenshuns better. Wat do I keer for platforms espeshly, for it is so constructid that Watterson, uv Looisville, wich is free trade, and Randall, of Pennsylvany, wich is high pertective tariff, kin both stand on it, embracin eech other in harmony.

It is so worded that Watterson will support it in Kentucky, ez a demand for reform in the tariff, with a leenin toward free trade, and Randall will support it ekally in Pennsylvany, becoz it is fur reform in the tariff, with a decidid leenin to perteckshun.

I hev red that plank keerfully, and I defy any one to perdoose a man uv any shade uv opinyun, wich I can't soot out uv that platform, pervidid I know wat the man desires invariably in advance.

It will be a rather diffikilt campane to fite, becoz our speekers will hev to prepare a speech for each state they go into. Iowa and Wisconsin will require one kind uv a speech and Pennsylvany and Ohio quite another. Pledgin sekoority to the nigger can't be dwelt upon very lively in Looislana and Mississippi, and they will hev to be ruther keerful dodgin between Southern and Northern Georgia on the tariff question.

But a man wich hezn't sense enuff to write three or four speeches and to make proper inquiries afore he opens his mouth ez to wat the people want, in any given locality, don't deserve to be employed by a Dimokratic central committy. Sich a man is not to be trusted. All that is needed in a speeker is great powers uv construkshen.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Construer).

MR. NASBY HAS A VISION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
July 20, 1884.

I hed another dreem last nite wich left a indelible impreshn on my memry. I don't understand why I shood continyelly dreem, but vishuns come to me now nitely. I can't see why. It can't come from fizzekel causes, for I live reglerly, ez I alluz hev done. I fill up reglerly at Bascom's every nite, the amount I hist in dependin onto the temper uv the old man, or whether ther is stranger from Looisville ther, and I roll off toward my peaceful couch at about twelve, and sleep ez I hev alluz done. Why then, shood I dreem more now than I used to?

In my dreem last nite, methawt the old giant, Dimocrisy, wuz trotted out to be put in order for the regler four yeers' race. His old grooms and

backers wuz with him, but it looked ez tho by common consent they hed turned over the keer uv him to a noo lot wich hed him in hand. There wuz George Wilyum Curtis, and the edditur uv the Noo York Times, and Henry Ward Beecher and a lot uv fellers from Massachoosits wich wuz a examinin him critikelly and makin sejestuns ez to wat shood be done to improve his condishn.

George Wilyum looked him all over keerfully.

"There's too many spots on him," wuz the remark.

"Here is a very sore spot marked 'Slavery,' another 'Seceshn,' another 'Repoodiashen,' another 'Free Trade,' another 'States' Rites,' and a dozen others, wich are positive blemishes. They must be removed."

"Troo," sed the Massachoosits fellers, "but doubtlis they are only skin deep, and kin easily be rubbed out. The fust thing to do therefore is to rub them out."

"Eggsackly," sed Curtis. "We will immejitly perceed to rub them out."

The old backers smiled a sardonic smile, for they knowd the giant better than that, but they cheerfully furnished brushes and consentratid lie and all sorts uv powerful soaps, and George Wilyum, Mr. Beecher and the Massachosits fellers went at it.

They applied the soap and the hot water, and they scrubbed at the spots an hour or two, til they wuz out uv breath, but it didn't somehow remove them. In fact the frickshen made em shine out all the more prominent.

They stopped and gazed at em.

"Trooly," sed George Wilyum, "I hev scrubbed faithfully, and hev redoosed the size uv the giant a inch, but the spot remanes ez dolefully plain ez ever."

"Verily," sed the Massachoosetts fellers, "the spots we hev bin workin at are not eradicatid by no means; on the contrary, they are even more disgustinly visible to the nakid eye."

Then they commenst agin. The body uv the giant wuz bein redoost under the operashen, for it seemed ez tho all ther wuz uv him wuz dirt, but the spots remaned.

They wuz puzzled to know wat to make uv it. Finally, Henry Ward Beecher, wich hed scrubbed more faithfully than any uv em, took a penknife and jabbed vishusly around the spot he hed bin workin at, and made an eggsaminashen, and threw down his brush and soap in despair.

"It's no yoose!" wuz his breef remark. "Scrubbin is in vane. These spots are not merely skin-deep—they go clear through!"

"Troo," sed George Wilyum Curtis. "I hev made the same diskivery. Let us cut em out."

Then the old backers interfered, and perhibited it. "Ef yoo cut em out, yoo kill the giant. It's born in the flesh, and can't be eradicated. To eradicate the spots wood be to eradicate the giant. It's uv no yoose. Yoo must take him ez he is."

The Massyschoosits fellers took one good look and one smell uv the giant carkiss they hed bin workin at, and holdin ther noses retired with grate rapidity. George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beecher tried to git away, but they hed permitted the giant to git a grip onto em, and they coodent, and they laid down beside him. Jist then I awoke.

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Ther is a moral to this dreem wich no one knows better than I do. The fact is Dimocrisy is Dimocrisy, and it ain't nothin else. We can't make

it over or improve it. Wat Dimocrisy wuz 24 yeers ago it is now, and it ain't nothin else. Horris Greeley tried to reform us, but it endid in rooinin Horris without doin us any good. We are now tryin to hide behind Cleveland, but Cleveland is too thin, and the people see through him. Behind him is the same old carkiss. George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beecher and them fellers are tryin to do suthin with it, but they can't undo facts or change the nacher uv the animal. Dimocrisy is Dimocrisy, no matter who is in the saddle or who is engineerin the race. It's one and indivisable, alluz the same and eternal—ef we cood only lay down and die and be born agin, or suthin, it would be encurridgin; but no matter wat cloak we put on, or what we perfess, it's the same old cancer, wich kills everything it touches.

I am afraid I shel never sit in that postoffis agin, nor will Deekin Pogram toast his shins at the cheerful grate in the collector's offis. Our strength is our weeknis. Ef we don't stay Dimerkratic we ain't nothin and if we do stay Dimerkratic we are killed. We can't go over to the Republikins, for wat chance wood we hev ther, and to stay by ourselves is starvashen.

I am going to call a convenshun to make a compromise with Blaine. I am goin to offer him the privilege uv runnin the government ef he will permit us to hold the offises. Ef he declines this, our case is hopelis indeed.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Like Bunyan in Prisn.)

THE TARIFF PLANK OF 1884.

Confederit X Roads,
((Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Jooly 30, 1884.

Ther are beins in this world wich are constantly makin trouble, and that feend, Joe Bigler, is one uv em, and the cheef.

We hed called another meetin for the purpus uv ratifyin the nominashens, wich we hed dooly announst by a notiss written by Issaker Gavitt, and posted up in Bascom's bar-room to make shoor that all the Dimocrats uv the Corners wood see it. I sot by it for day and red it to em, to enshoor a full attendance.

Joe Bigler happened in and red it, and sed it wuz a good ijee to hev a ratificashen meetin. He shoodent hisself probably vote for Cleveland and Hendrix, but it wuz the proper racket to hev sich, to the end uv citizens votin intelligently, and he shood swell the meetin by bein present hisself.

Then I knowed ther wood be trouble, and I wood hev postponed the meetin till some time when he wuz shoor to be away, ef I cood. But unforchinitly I cooden't.

Then I begged him not to cum, but he insisted. He wood. He felt it to be a relijus dooty.

"Relijus dooty!" I remarkt sarkastically, "what is yoor relijun?"

"I hevn't got much," sighed Josef pensively. "Wat I hev is mostly summed up in this: I labor vigrusly every day with myself not to be quite as mean ez I know how to be. I shel be there."

The nite cum, the horn wuz tootid, and Deekin Program, Issaker Gavitt and myself took one sustainer to help us thro' the hour and a half we shood be in the meetin and deprived uv sustenance, and then went over to the meetin house.

It wuz a cheerful site. Mirandy Pogram, assisted by the other Demo-

kratic ladies uv the Corners, hed got out the flags and banners we hev yoosed ever sence 1861, and hed festooned the walls with em. Ther wuz the good old banners under wich we marched to defeet under Seymore and Micklellan, and Greely, and Tilden and Hancock, with the same inscripshens on em. "Death to Abolishnists!" "Shel White Wimmin be Compelled to Marry Niggers?" "White Husbands or None!" "Shel the Nigger, wich is a Beest, Contaminate the Poles Beside the White Man?" "Honor to the Confedrit Braves!" "Them Wich Vote ez Linkin Votid are ez bad ez the Goriller Hisself!" and various other mottoes uv like nacher.

And on the wall, in the place uv honor wuz the identikle rifle with wich that old saint, Deekin Pogram, bushwhacked Fedrel pikkits at nite, after he hed bin sellin em watermelons all day. The Corners prize that rifle, and it is alluz dekorated when we hev Dimocratic meetins.

One advantage uv bein a Dimokrat at the Corners is we don't change at all. The banners we marched under in 1861 do jist ez well for us now, for we are constantly fitin the old fite over agin, and alluz will till deth do us part.

I assoomed the chair and Issaker Gavitt took the secretary's table, ex offisho, and I made the speech ez yoosual.

I commenst an elaborate discushn uv the platform uv the party, and wuz gittin on very well till I come to the tariff plank, when Joe Bigler riz and interrupted me. I knew the cuss wood do it, and my hart went down into my boots.

"I beg pardon," sed Josef, "for interruptin the elokent speeker and woodent do it, only I desire to assist him in eloosidatin the eggsact meenin uv the platform, over wich I understand ther hez bin sum trouble. Ef ther is anything on earth wich shood be cleer and well defined, so cleer that he who runs may read, it is the platform uv principles uv a grate party. It shood be so cleer that the humblest intelleck shood know eggsackly wat is meant by it, and wat them wich stand on it propose to do about it.

"To the end uv hevin a plane and cleer interpretashen uv this tariff plank, it okkurred to me, when I wuz over to Seceshunville, to go to the highest authority on the subjeck, wich is Mr. Barnum, the Chairman uv the Nashnel Dimekratic Commity. Ef any body on earth ought to know wat the platform means it is Barnum, isn't it?"

The meetin all yelled 'yes!' when Josef went on.

"I may ez well menshun that I assoomed the name uv our esteemed frend Issaker Gavitt and telegraphed thus:

To Wm. H. Barnum, Cheerman uv the Nashnel Dimocratic Committee:
Does the Dimekratic platform meen perteckshun or free trade?
ISSAKER GAVITT, Manyoofaktrer.

The anser I reseeved wuz entirely satisfaktry. It red thus:

To Issaker Gavitt, Manyoofactrer:
The tariff plank in the Dimekratic platform meens tariff reform with a tendency to the Perteckshen uv Amerikin labor by imposin heevy dooties on the manyoofakters uv the bloatid Briton. Bare down heavy on the perteckshun tendency among yoor operatives.
W. H. BARNUM, Cheerman.

Issaker, wich hez a small interest in a rollin mill, riz to his feet and yelled, "I knowd it! I knowd it! Uv course we want tariff reform, but the platform is all in the direckshun uv Perteckshun. Hooray!"

"I shood also state," continyood Josef, "that when I returned to the

Corners I telegraphed wunst more to Mr. Barnum to be shoor that I hed not misunderstood him, only I yoosed the name uv our ekally esteemed friend Deekin Pogram. This wuz my second dispatch:

Wat is the eggsact meenin uv the tariff plank in the Dimocratic platform? I ask ez a sufferin Dimekratic agricultoorist, in a farmin seckshun.
DEEKIN SETH POGRAM.

"The anser cum back very promptly:

To Deekin Seth Pogram: The tariff plank in the Dimokratic platform is entirely explicit. It meens tariff reform with an uncompromisin leenin toward Free Trade and the rite to buy goods in England or elsewhere, wherver yoo kin buy em the cheepest. Bare down heavy on the Free Trade tendency among yoor oppresst agricultooral friends.
W. H. BARNUM, Cheerman.

"I knowd it—I knowd it!" shreeked the good old Deekin. "Hooray! we hev a platform wich meens free trade!"

Sum trouble ensood. Issaker swore that the dispatch sent to the Deekin wuz bogus, and the Deekin swore that the dispatch sent to Issaker wuz bogus, for both hed hed the platform red to em and they both hed constrood it.

Issaker denounced the Deekin ez a d——d ass; "for," sed he, "does not Randall, uv Pennsilvany, accept the platform, and isn't he a Perteckshunist?"

"D——d ass, yerself," retortid the Deekin. "Does not Watterson, and Carlisle, and Morrison, and Hurd all accept it, and ain't they rabid Free Traders?"

And then ez these two Dimocrats wuz throwin mud at each other the meetin broke up in a row, and Joe Bigler rolled off laffin, remarkin that he wuz sorry for the disturbance, but he wantid the platform cleerly defined and he didn't know how else to git a cleer enunshiashen uv wat it meant than by telegraffin the Chairman uv the Dimocratic Nashnel Committy. He shood immejitly perceed to telegraff more uv em soon, and wood hev ansers by the time the Dimocrisy uv the Corners wanted to ratify agin.

Ef the good Lord in his infinit mercy wood only take Joe Bigler to his buzm, I cood git along with the Dimocrisy here. He never appeers upon the surfis without makin trouble.

He and that Pollok from Illinoy, together manage to keep us in hot water all the time. Wood that the good old times wuz back agin wen we cood organize and invite em, at the muzzle of shot guns, to move. But them days hev gone, with us. Down in Mississippi it wood anser; or even in Danville, Virginny, but here the niggers are too strong for that sort uv argyment, and our sperits iz broke.

Issaker and the Deekin commenst the old fite over agin, and I hevn't bin able to compromise the matter ez yit. It is a cold world and full uv trouble. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (In constant hot water).

MR. NASBY GOES TO NEW YORK.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 15, 1884.

I reseeved a call from the Nashnel Central committee to come to Noo York to reseeve instruckshens for a stumpin toor, to okkepy the time from now to November 1, wich I gladly obeyed. I never hesitate to respond to a call uv this kind. I git my transportashen from here to Noo

York, wich is cheeper than livin at home, for the committy send me money for meels, and ez I sleep most uv the time on the way, to escape the monotony uv travel, I don't reely need the likker wich is necessary at home, and then, when I am in Noo York, waitin my turn, I hev the free run uv the sloons in the Sixth ward. Tho the likker is unusually bad, ther is enuff uv it, wich is some consclashen.

I wuz invitid up to the committy rooms, and wuz met by the chairman, the grate Barnum hisself.

"Where shel we send Mr. Nasby ?" sed he to the sekretary.

The sekretary onfolded a map uv the United States, wich wuz markt all over in seckshuns.

"I shood start him in Western Pennsylvany," replied the sekretary. "We need much work there."

"Very good," sed Mr. Barnum, "yoo will commence work in Pittsburg. Here is the sinopsis uv the speech yoo will make there, and you will need to study it keerfully so as to make no mistakes. Yoo will observe that in Pittsburg the cotashuns yoo make are from Randal's speeches on the tariff, wich goes to prove that the Dimocrisy are pledged to perteckshun solid. Devote your time an energies solely to this pint. Yoo may, however, in Pittsburg, denounse the tariff on wool, claimin that it enhances the cost uv clothin uv the workin man, but insist that the tariff onto iron must and shel be maintaned. Find out how the people are on prohibishen, and act accordinly. When yoo find a Republikin Prohibishenist, urge him to remane troo to his prinsiples and vote for St. John, by all means, but when yoo run agin a Demokratic Prohibishinist, show him the folly uv throwin away his vote on a man wich cannot be electid."

"I understand," I sed. "This is cleer sailin." And I took the synopsis uv the Pittsburg speech.

"From Pittsburg yoo will perceed over into Ohio. I warn yoo that yoo must keep sober in Ohio, and must yoose discreshun and cawshun. In the iron deestriks the Pittsburg speech will do. But remember this: When yoo git into the agriaulturel seckshuns, you must study this other speech. (He handid me another manooscript.) In this one, Dimocrisy is pledged to free trade, with a few excepshuns. Thus, when yoo are in the grazin counties in the interior, yoo must insist that the tariff onto wool shel be maintained; and also when yoo are up in the grape region insist that the tariff on wine shel not be disturbed. When yoo cross the lines into seckshuns where ther ain't no wool or wine, and wher ther ain't no manufacturin, yoo must argoo that free trade is the only safeguard the people hev agin monopoly. And—"

"Kin yoo tell me the counties wher I must talk tariff on wool and wine and the counties wher I musn't? It wood be okkurd to git mixed on these things."

Mr. Barnum perdoosed a map with lines drawn all over it.

"Certinly. We hev maps prepared for the yoose uv all our speekers. These counties on the line uv the lake wich is colored purple are wine counties, and wher there is white lines drawd thro there is wool ez well ez wine. Wher there is a black cross onto em, there is manufakters, ez well ez iwne and wool. In sich counties yoo must urge a pertective tariff on everything. In the counties marked 'wine excloosively,' the perteckshun must be confined to wine alone.

"Sometimes there is wine in a part uv a county, and sometimes wool only in a part uv a county, and, and in sich cases—"

"Great Scott!" I exclaimed, "but I can't do this! I can't hev a dozen speeches prepared. How am I to perceed with sich a mess?"

"The process is simple, though great care must be observed. On arrivin at an appintment, yoo must take out the map and see wher yoo are. Then on arrivin at yer hotel select from yoor valise—the committy will furnish yoo a valise in wich to keep yoor cleen shirts—"

"The committy will likewise hev to furnish the cleen shirts or ther will be no yoose fur the valise onless it is to keep the manooscripts, wich, uv itself, will rekwire a very large one."

"We shel furnish the valise, and the cleen shirts. We hev to do this with all our speakers, ceptin sech ez Carl Shurts, wich we pay reglar prices to per nite, fur speekin fur Cleveland and reform. By the time yoo hev filled these appintments, we will send yoo another route, and so on till November, when we hope victory will hev crowned our efforts, and yoo shel retire to yoor postoffis at the Cross Roads the follerin March."

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Mr. Barnum gave me money and transportashen to Pittsburg, and I departid happy. I felt good wunst more to hev a dollar in my pokkit, and not to feer the approach uv the condukter. I hev bin droppt off the hind end uv tranes so many times that it is monotonous. One kin git thru the kentry by bein kicked off one trane and waitin fur the next to come only to be kicked off that, but it is warin onto the seet uv the trousis.

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It wuz a unforchnit vencher. I wuz onlucky enuff to git into the city in the mornin, and I reported to the centrel committy. The yoosual thing ensood. I wuz invitid to take suthin, wich I hed not the Spartan firmnis to refooze. One drink led to another, fur the active Dimocrisy uv Pittsburg is drouthy, and by the time nite hed come and I hed got onto the platform I wuz fuller than a gote. I opened up my valise and commenst my speech. When I hev manooscript I kin speek, drunk or sober, and I did speek. Did I speek for any length uv time? Indeed I did not. Ther cum up from that awjence sich a storm uv imprecashuns, such a howl uv derishun, sich a minglin uv profanity ez never wuz heerd. I sposed it wuz ther way uv applaudin and went on, smilin, till a passel uv em rushed up on the platform and histed me off, and hustled me out into the street.

The next mornin I seed it all. I hed, in my intoxicashen, taken my free trade speech out uv the valise, and wuz firin that off at a Pittsburg awjence, every man uv wich wuz a iron manoofaktrer!

Like a drunken ass, I wuz demonstratin to a awjence uv workers in iron that a tariff on iron wuz wuss nor highway robbery, and doin it under the authority uv the Dimokratic nashnel centrel committy!

It wuz a mercy that I wuzn't killed on the spot.

Mr. Barnum heerd uv it, and to-wunst offered me to either take an oath never to tetch likker agin, or perceed home. He writ thus:

"In a campane like ours, wich is mixed, absloot sobriety is essenshel to pervent mistakes. A man with likker in him cannot be trusted to carry about 12 different speeches, adapted to the wants uv 12 different sets uv opinyuns. No man kin be a Dimekratic campane speeker this yeer wich cannot be trusted to take the rite speech out uv his valise."

Uv course I can't travel, or, fur that matter, stay at home, without my regler supplies, and so I resined. Better occashnel drinks at Bascom's than none at all on the road. Regler eatin is suthin, but regler drinks is more nessary.

I hope to get an appintment to speek in one seckshun, wher one speech will answer, but I will take no more mixed chances.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Victim uv Appetite).

(The Boston Traveller issued a circular to some 300 men prominent in business and politics, asking them to give their reasons for supporting Blaine and Logan. Among others their circular was sent to Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby, whose answer is appended):

MR. NASBY ANSWERS A CIRCULAR.

Confederit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky.)
Sept. 10, 1884.

To the Editur uv the Boston Traveller:

Yoo ask me to give my reesons why Blane and Logan shood be electid. Perhaps yoo ain't aware uv whom yoo make this rekest. Perhaps yoor letter wuz addrest to me by mistake, or perhaps, yoo intend to be sarkastic. Ef yoo reely addrest the letter to me it is a holler mockery.

I see no rezons why Blane and Logan shood be electid. Do yoo comperhend who I am, and wat I hev suffered fur Dimocrisy? Do yoo ask one fur rezons fur the eleckshun uv Blane and Logan, wich commenst his politikle career by votin for Jaxon, and who never differed with that grae man but wunst, and that wuz when he put down seceshun n South Karliny?

Kin yoo ask fur rezens fur votin fur Blane and Logan uv one wich cast his vote for every Dimekratic President from Jaxon down, and many times three or four?

I am a Dimekrat. I votid fur Bookannon, and when the Radikels percipitated a war by refoosin to give up Fort Sumpter I emigratid from Noo Jersey to Kentucky that I mite not be forst to take up arms agin the Dimekratic states.

I wuz, however, draftid into the Confedrit servis, from wich I desertid, not becoz I hed any objeckshun to the coz, but from a constooshnel dislike of gunpowder and baynits.

But in desertin the Confedracy I avoided the Scylla uv the Confedrit servis only to bump up agin the Karybdis uv Fedrel muskit carryin. I wuz draftid into the fedrel army, and only escaped sheddin fratrisidle blood by desertin one nite to Canady. Who kin describe the agonies endoored by myself and five others that tempestuous nite on Lake Erie in a open boat! Who shel describe the deep disgust that awaited me on the sacred sile uv Canady, when I wuz compelled to work fur a nigger there or starve!

The first ray uv sunshine wich ever illumined my dreery path, wuz when Jonson split with the Radikels, and gave me the postoffis at the Cross Roads! That wuz a little heaven below. The salery wuzn't much, but I managed to subsist by stoppin the letters containin remittances for lottery tikkets, wich I did on moral grounds spendin the contence thereof, myself, ez a punishment to the senders. They lade the swindle to the lottery companies. But my zeel for reform worked again my own interests, for after a while the people stopt mailin their money. But I hev alluz bin a marter to principle.

Wat wuz Blane doin all this time? He wuz the rite hand uv the tirent Linkin and wuz foremost among the persekooters uv the South.

Logan! My gorge rises when I think uv him! My regiment, the Loozeaner Pelikins, wuz afore him wunst, and I never want to heer his name. Gittin away from him and his deloodid sojers kept me in a swamp four days and nites, wich give me a roomatism, wich still inkapacitates me from laber, and the Fedrel government wich thus rooined me, physikelly, refooses to give me a penshun to soothe my declining yeers.

It is this roomatism wich compels me to sit 16 uv the 24 hours in Bascom's, dependin onto chance comers, wich are librel and carelis, fur the drinks wich I must hev to sustane an enfeebled constitooshun. It is troo I never did work afore the war, but the government hez nothin to do with that. The government wich hunted me thro swamps wuz the coz uv my roomatism, and the government shood pay fur it.

Will Blane and Logan, ef they are electid, put us Confedrit soljers on a level with the Fedrel survivers in the matter uv penshuns? Deekin Pogram and Issaker Gavitt want to know ef they will remoonerate 'em for the niggers wich they freed, not only dispoilin 'em uv their property but dispersin their sons and dawters to the four quarters uv the globe? The last time I wuz in Cincinnati with Deekin Pogram, we met one uv the Deekin's ante-war sons by a likely mulatto woman, Mirandy, and he refoozed to lend the Deekin the price uv a sustaner for him and me. And the time wuz when the Deekin owned that nigger! Will Blane and Logan pay the Deekin the valyoo thereof in shekels uv gold or shekels uv silver?

Will Blane and Logan pay the Deekin for the property confiscatid doorin the war by Fedrel soljers? Will his clame for mules and rales confiscatid by the Fedrels, wich wuz rejectid becoz it wuz proved upon him that while he sold the Fedrel soljers watermelons doorin the day he bushwhacked em doorin the nite, will that clame be paid by Blane and Logan?

No. Down here we see no reason for votin for Blane and Logan. We shel vote for ex-Sheriff Cleveland, or whoever the Demokratic Nashnel committy put on in his place. We hev votid the Dimokratic ticket till moss hez growd on our bax, and we shel continoo till the end. We can't commence warin cleen shirts and puttin on stockins in the summer at our advanced age. The noo generashun now comin on may do it, but we can't. We can't quit noo whisky and dog-leg terbacker, nor kin the good Deekin commense learnin to read in his declinin yeers. We shel not hev onlimited nigger laber any more, but we hope with a Demekratic administrashen to hev the niggers that are with us, them wich we hev not killed, so completely under control that it will amount to about the same thing.

The Dimocrisy uv the Cross Roads may be countid on ez solid and stedfast. We see no reasons why Blane and Logan shood be electid.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(alluz the same.)

THE OHIO ELECTION OF 1884.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 19, 1884.

We hev reeeved the nooze uv the Ohio election at the Corners, and various results, none uv em pleasant, hez resultid therefrom.

I heerd the noose fust, ez I sposed, tho ez bad noose travels fast it wuz at Bascom's afore I got down in the mornin, and am a tolerably erly bird there myself. I am alluz there erly, ez every day there is travelin men wich go over to Bascom's to git ther mornin drink, and it is well to be around on the chance uv invitashens.

Deprest ez I wuz, I determined not to let any uv em know that I felt it. I assoomed a serene look uv cam satisfaction and sailed in with a smile onto my face. I found the Deekin, Issaker Gavitt, Kernel McPelter, and

all uv em sittin there in a state uv eggstreme discomfiture. Bascom wuz, not puttin it too mildly, furious.

"Ez yoosual," sed I, sidlin up to the bar.

"Not quite ez yoosual," replied Bascom. "I hev inoggeratid a new system this mornin—we depart from the yoosual custom by requirin any sich man ez yoo are to lay down five cents onto the counter afore I place the bottle in his too willin grasp. From this time on it is cash jist afore the delivery uv the goods."

"Why this sudden, inconvenient change?" I asked.

"Hev yoo heerd from Ohio?" wuz the chillin response.

"Heerd from Ohio?" sed I, valin my agony with a smile, "uv course I hev heerd the glorious nooze. We hev got em!"

"Glorious nooze!" he respondid with a sneer, "Maine puked us, and Ohio hez physiked us. A majority uv 12,000 agin us. Wat kind uv a git is that?"

"G. W.," wuz my cam response, for by this time I hed got controle uv myself, "yoo don't understand politikle tactics. The only trouble we hev in Ohio is, the Republikin majority wuz not large enuff. However, we shel pull thro with wat we hev, tho we shood hev let em carried it by 25,000."

"I suppose ef the Republikin majority hed bin 50,000 we wood hev hed a ded shoor thing onto em?"

"Certinly. The trooth is, our people is letharjik, and soopine, and wat we need is a defeet to awaken em. Our trubble is over-confidence, and we wantid a back-set to awaken the slumbrin lion. We played the same tactiks in Maine and in all the early states. Wat we want is to save our strength for the final fite in November when we shel show em wat Dimocrisy reely is. In vew uv the tremendous success uv our tactiks in Ohio, Bascom, please set out the bottle."

Bascom declined to do it; in fact, he sed I hed bin the coz uv the rooin uv the Corners. On the strength uv my profesies that we shood carry Ohio by a majority uv 20,000 he hed bet his good money and lost it. "And now yoo cum in and say that that wuz precisely wat the Dimocrisy intendid to do. Git out!"

That ended the matter. I borrered five cents and hoomiliatinly paid.

I must confess that things don't work in Ohio ez I cood hev wished. Somehow things don't work for us. We countid on the Independent Republikin movement, but that hez petered out to merely George Wilyum Curtis, the Noo York Times, and Carl Shurts at $250 a speech. Nobody seems to hev pade the slitest attenshun to em. We hev showed up Blane ez a feerful bad man, but ez the people feendishly persist in votin for him, wat must ther estimashun uv Cleveland be? Ef they do bleeve in the soopreme onfitnis uv the Republikin party, wat must be ther estimit uv us?

These be the conundrums wich I c n't anser.

But one hope remanes, and that I hev determined onto. Our only hope is in indoosin the Prohibishnists to support St. John in suffishnt numbers to let Cleveland slide in. The postoffis at the Corners depends onto it, and it is the only hope I hev.

I hev resolved onto a bold stroke. I am goin into Ohio to help the Prohibishnists. I hev detaled the plan to Bascom, and he sees suthin in it and hez relentid, pervidin me with an outfit and money enuff to get to the scene uv my labers, after wich I must depend onto the tempranse organizashens.

Bascom hez given me two white shirts, four collars, two pares uv cuffs, and a soot uv black cloze, so that I kin appear suthin like a tempranse Republikin. He hez also lent me a pare uv boots uv hizzen wich are actooally mates, for it wood never do to make speeches for St. John in one shoe and one boot, espeshly ef the toes projectid thro em.

Then I hev shaved my entire face and kalsomined my nose to a degree that wood deseeve the elect. I hev metamorphosed myself so that, ef not inspected too closely, I mite pass fer a sooperintendent uv a Sundy-skool—a Alabama hard-shell Baptis Sundy-skool, anyhow. I am tryin to appeer like a Republikin, from the border states at leest, and with the cleen shirts my disgise is perfeck.

I shel go into Ohio and make speeches for St. John. I shel insist that this is the time for Prohibitionists to stand firm and be troo to ther prinsiples. I shel show em that the Republikin party ez a nashnel organizashen hez not taken the eggstreme ground on this grate question, and shood therefore be driven from power. But my grate argument will be this:

I shel paint the Dimocrisy in ez bad colors ez possible, wich don't need no eggsaggerashen. Then when the Prohibishnists ask me wat we expect to make by oustin the Republikins and puttin in the Dimocrisy my anser will be prompt. I shel say to em that physicians puke ez well ez physic ther pashents. The best cure for a evil is to give the pashent a double dose uv it. Ef the Prohibishnists put the power into the hands uv the Dimocrisy for jist one term, the people will be so infernally sick uv it that they will, in 1888, rise in ther mite and go the other eggstreme, wich will inclood Prohibishn and everything else. That the only way to git at Prohibishn is to give the Dimocrisy full sweep for jist one term, wich will make the people willin to take anything.

This will be singler talk for a Dimocrat to make, but it will do me. Ef we kin, thro this organizashen, elect Cleveland, it will give us the postoffises, custom houses and the contrax, and after four yeers wat do I care? Four yeers more will find me sleepin in the valley, and then postoffises will do me no good. And ef I survive it ther won't be money enuff left in the treasury to make holdin a offis worth while. Ez hungry ez we are, ef we don't bankrupt a nashen in four yeers it will be singler. Four yeers is all we want.

For sustenance on this toor I start out with a two-gallon jug in my trunk (Bascom advanced the trunk), and he hez promised to send me demijohns from time to time, enclosed in a box and labelled "Temperence documence." This will hev to be taken in the privacy uv my room. I hev kalsomine for my nose, so ez to fix that.

By regler kalsominin my nose I kin pass for a tollable tempranse man, and I kin git on, so fur ez I see, in everything else, onless it may be askin blessins when I am the guest uv church members. Likewise I hev laid in a stock uv cloves to disgise my bre th when I come down to breakfast. With these precawshens, I hope to git thro and effect my purpus.

Ef this don't work, nothin will, and we may ez well throw up the sponge. But it will work.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(For Prohibishn and a Postoffis).

MR. NASBY MAKES A DIRE FAILURE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
October 25, 1884.

I am back here amongst my familyer haunts and in disgrace. I wuz ignominyusly eggspeld from Bascom's, he insistin that he hed given me all the trials he wuz a goin to, that somehow I don't succeed in anything I take hold uv, and that he hez done with me forever. I ain't very much afrade uv that, for Bascom hez to hev me. The Corners don't reed, but they jist enuff interest in public affares to compel em to hev somebody wich does, and I am the only man among em wich kin read floeently. They hev to hev me to reed the paper he takes, and that accomplishment is wuth my likker. The advantages uv edicashen (fur white men) is incalkeable.

I made my first plunge for St. John at Smithville, Ohio. Everything worked at the beginnin entirely satisfactry. I hed put on a fresh coatin uv kalsomine on my nose in the cars afore I got out at the depot, and takin a mouthful uv cloves after the last drink I took out uv my pokkit companion, wuz in good shape to reseeve the committy at the depot. I wuz taken to the house uv a prominent Prohibitionist at about 6 o'clock p. m., the meetin wich I wuz to address bein called at 10. After a substanshel supper, wich I took to kindly after the skirmishin so long on free lunches at Bascom's, I wuz showed to the room wher my trunk wuz, that I mite prepare for the speech.

That wuz fatle. I onlocked the trunk to git out the cleen shirt wich Bascom furnished and succeeded in gittin it on, and wuz nearly reddy, when my eyes dropped onto the demijohn wich Bascom hed put into it for my sustenance thro the toor.

Fatle demijohn! Alas for the weeknis uv human nacher! I looked at the demijohn and resolootly turned away. I went to my overcoat and took out my pockit flask. Ther wuz but one mild asswager into it, and that I swallered. It did me for a minit.

"Upon wat slender threds
Hang everlasting things,"

ez the poet justly remarks. Hed I hed my neck tie on I probably wood hev kep enuff Prohibitionists votin for St. John to hev carried Ohio for Cleveland, wich wood hev electid him. But the lite wuz bad, and it took me so long to get that neck-tie on that I must hev another drink. I took out the demijohn and pulled the stopper.

A delishus aroma uv alcohol and fusil oil filled the room and maddened me. I took a long and refreshin draft, and perceedid with the neck-tie. The demijohn wuz still on the table and open. I cood not resist it, and I put it wunst more to my lips. Ez I hed no tumbler to pour out a drink, I went for the mouth uv the demijohn. It hed bin a long time sence I hed seen two gallons uv noo whisky within reach, and I pulled at it till I wuz satisfied, and then tried the neck-tie agin. By this time the likker hed begun to do its perfeck work and I becum utterly recklis. I tore off the paper collar, wich seemed to me a badge uv servitood, bein entirely suthin noo to my throte, and kicked off one boot to git myself back to suthin normal Graspin the demijohn I put it wunst more to my lips and utterin a wild war-whoop sunk eggsaustid on the floor.

My entertaner hed bin waitin for me sum minits with a committy uv seven, wich hed come to escort me to the hall. The war-whoop wich he hed heerd rung thro the house and al armed the entire committy, wich rushed up to my room.

The site wich met ther gaze wuz not wat they expectid. They beheld me prostrate onto the floor, the air filled with fumes uv noo whisky that wood hev made, alone and single-handid, any man not a frekenter uv Bascom's drunk uv itself and without any other help. This wuz enuff to hev eggsplaned the coz uv the condishn I wuz in, but ther on the floor wuz the demijohn, the preshus flooid a runnin out over the floor, the thirsty carpet drinkin up wat shood hev bin irrigatin my bowels.

On the top uv the few cloze in my open trunk wuz a circkler from the nashnel committy, directin me how to perceed with the Prohibitionists, givin the snap entirely away.

"Nasby, from Kentucky!" exclaimed one uv em, "comin here to speek for Prohibishn!"

"A man sent to us by the Dimekratic nashnel committy to speek for Prohibishn!" exclaimed another, "wich coodn't controle hisself long enuff to keep sober, and hed to hev a two-gallon jug uv likker in his trunk!"

And they lifted me, not so tenderly ez they mite, and histed me down stares and out uv the front door, with a stern injunckshen to be gone.

I got permishn to go back after my effex, wich I didn't keer much about, but I thot possibly ther mite be a quart uv likker wich hedn't escaped from the demijohn, wich wuz the case. That I poured into my flask, and sholderin my trunk sought out the Dimekratic hed-quarters, wich permitted me to sleep on the floor that nite. They sympathised with me. The chairman wondered how Bascom cood be sich a eggrejis ass ez to trust me out on a speekin toor with a two-gallon demijohn uv likker. The only way to manage sich cases, he remarkt, is to keep the likker away from the speekers that the quantity may be relegated. No man kin be blamed for takin all within site, but proodence requires that the amount in site be kept to the pint uv not incapassitatin a man fur his work. He blamed the committy wich give me the demijohn, more than he did me.

"No man," sed he, "wich hez acquired the proper appetite fur likker kin be trustid with a onlimitid supply, and besides this demijohn biznis is agin me. (The chairman uv the Democratic committy is also proprietor uv the Eagle s'loon.) The proper thing is to buy it by the glass. It takes some time for the bar man to git out the bottle, and time is used in makin change, or chargin it up, ez the case may be, so that no one kin git it fast enuff by the glass to incapacitate him for some kinds uv biznis afore 12 at nite. No man shood drink from a demijohn so long ez there is a bar open. He may hev a bottle, and it will anser to yoose it ez he is goin to bed, or the fust thing in the mornin, afore he is drest, but not ez a stiddy thing. Likker needs lookin after."

I wuz pleased with his kindnis, espeshly ez he asked me to take suthin several times. I even went so fur ez to make a proposishen to him to leave the Corners and establish myself in his place, but he yoonanimusly declined. He remarkt that every Dimekratic county in Ohio wuz stocked with such ez I am, and there wuz no okkashun for more.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Prohibishn Failyoor).

Postcript:—Afore I kin agin address the people, the die will hev bin cast. On next Toosday the voters uv the Yoonitid States will hev determined whether I shel hev my old postoffis agin or whether the nigger, Lubbock,

shel continner to hold it, wich is the ishoo. The fate uv the nashen hangs tremblin in the balance. It is a question whether I shel hev regler likker for the next four yeers, or whether Lubbock shel finish the addishn to the house wich he is bildin. The Corners hangs brethlis on this decision. Bascom is in a state uv mind about it, for the credit uv all them wich expex the Fedrel offises here hez about run out. Will the people desert us in this crisis? I can't think so. Rally for our sakes! Rally for Bascom's sake!

P. V. N.

REJOICING OVER CLEVELAND'S ELECTION.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 6, 1884.

Never sence the fust battle uv Bull Run, when it wuz represented that the Fedrel army hed bin entirely destroyed, and that the Confedrits wuz in posseshun uv Washinton, wuz there sich a feelin uv absloot joy in the Corners ez Wednesday nite, when we reseeved the glad intelligence that our noble standard-barer, ex-Sheriff Cleveland, hed bin electid.

The nooze cum over from the stashen at Seceshunville by Bascom's oldest boy, Jeffson Davis, on his mule, wich he hed contribbited for the occashun. Jeffson wuz seen ridin down the hill at a furious pace, holdin on to the animal's tale with one hand, while he wuz belaborin him with a hickory club in the other. We knowd he hed good nooze, or he woodent be so recklis uv mule, and the eggscitement wuz intense. He wuz halfway down the hill, when the mule stopt suddint, pitchin Jeffson over his head. The noble boy didn't mind it. Regainin his feet, he thot a moment ez to whether he shood re-mount the mule or do the rest on foot. Strikin into a run, he rushed into his father's bar, with the paper wich contained the glad intelligence, and exclaimin, "D—n that mule!" sunk faintin to the floor. His mother revived him by givin him a grown person's dose uv noo whisky, and I seezed the paper and red the glad intelligence to the delitid populis.

The effeck wuz electrikle. The overjoyed Dimocrisy howled. Issaker Gavitt tooted the horn wich we yoose, owin to the fact that the money fur a bell wich wuz sent us by the Noo England Church Extenshun society happened to come to me, ez the pastor, and Bascom knowin uv it, made me apply a half uv it to the likwidashun uv a bill at his bar, and the other half I lost that nite at a game uv seven-up with Deekin Pogram. However, the horn does very well, ez it is one uv grate power, and remarkably soft in tone.

We proceedid to-wunst to git out the relix uv the late oneasinis to dekorate the church with. The rifle wich Deekin Pogram yoosed in bushwhackin Fedrel pikkits wuz festooned and put in its old place. Mirandy Pogram came rushin up with the skulls uv the Fedrel prizners, wich her brother, wich wuz a guard at Andersonville, hed shot, and cleaned, and preserved for her, ez mementoes uv his valer, and the old war-flags uv the regiments wich went into the Confedrit servis from the visinity wuz all dustid and hung out.

We wood hev hed speeches, but Bascom, wich is a ass, wuz so full uv joy that he spiled the hull thing by remarkin that his wife and son, Jeffson Davis, wuz puttin a fresh barl on tap, and that the Corners wuz welcome.

Cood the citizens endoor sittin in the meetin house under these circum-

stances? No, indeed! There wuz a wild rush for his place, and the barl wuz set runnin, and the nite wuz givin over to sich rejoicin ez seldom falls to the lot uv man.

At about 8 in the evenin I wuz pulled out uv my chair, and stood up on a whisky barl for a speech. I hed skasely commenst when I wuz roodly pulled down. It wuz that feend, Joe Bigler, who remarkt that he felt very much like makin a speech hisself, and when in the mood uv dischargin hisself he didn't want no interrupshen.

"My frends," he commenst, "I am with yoo to-nite to rejoice with yoo over the glorious results uv the eleckshun!"

"Yoo rejoice with us!" eggsclaimed the supprised meetin. "Why yoo are a black Republikin!"

"Troo," he replied, "too troo, but still I rejoice. I confess that, hevin a family, I hedn't the nerve to vote for Cleveland, but nevertheless I rejoice that he is electid."

"Give us yer reason!" shouted the eggscited multitood.

"I hev a reeson, and it is a good one. I kin git along under any sort uv a government; but, gentlemen, I hev children. I hev bin mitily concerned ez to wat will become uv them when I am gone, and consekently I want to see how much uv a strane a government kin bare and survive. The reason why I am glad that Cleveland is electid is that if this government can stand four yeers uv sich a man, and them wich will be behind him, it will endoor forever, for certinly we kin never possibly git anything wuss.

"I rejoice becoz it is the carryin out, in one sense, uv our system. It is our proud boast that any one may aspire to the Presidency. The eleckshun Toosdy shows that that is no vane boast. Anybody, I say anybody, after this may aspire to the Presidency, ef sich a man ez Cleveland kin git there. A grate meny men hev bin sent to the penitentiary too soon. Ther will be walin and weepin and nashin uv teeth in them places, when a grate many men hear uv this, and think that cood they hev dodged a convickshun they mite now be wher Cleveland is now.

"I rejoice over the eleckshun uv Cleveland, becoz it wuz to be eggspectid that sumtime in the histry uv the republik sich a man shood, by some inscrutable decree uv Divine Providence, be elevatid to the Presidency, and I hed rather the calamity wood happen while I am alive to endoor it than to hev it fall upon my innosent children. I kin stand it, for I never knowd greef. I hev seen sich men ez Pierce and Bookannon President, and I know wat to expect. But with my innosent children it is different, and I want this calamity to come while I am alive and kin sort o' comfort and sheeld em. Gentlemen, I am sick, but this feerful disgrace hed to come some time—I am glad it hez come now."

Then Josef stawked out uv the room and we resoomed our rejoicin. Bascom's one barl didn't last long. Inasmuch ez it wuz a certin thing that the Fedrel offises wood soon be ours, he felt it safe to extend credit to sich ez wood naterally fill them places, and we ordered recklisly. I ain't shoor how much I am in, nor is Bascom, for he hedn't time the next mornin to figger up the books, but I think I must hev ordered at leest $60 wuth myself. The credit system is dangerous, for it is easy to order when yoo don't hev to pull the money out uv yer pokkit and pay.

I don't keer, however. The postoffis is mine, and when I am drorin my salery I kin pay him off in installments.

The festivities wuz kep up till daylite, and the heft uv the Corners slep

on his floor, wat little sleep they go. It wuz a glorious celebrashen uv glorious event. Half the toasts that wuz drunk wuz to the Prohibishnis uv Noo York, whose zeel for St. John enshoored the eleckshun uv Clev land, and struck a deth-blow at the temperanse fanaticism wich serious threatened us, even in Kentucky. Out uv the five barrels uv whisky co soomed, three uv em wuz to our Prohibishn friends. The Prohibishnis and rum mills uv Noo York did the biznis.

My heart is overflowin. It is the fust gleem uv sunshine I hev se for twenty years. Halleloojy!

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Full).

THE CORNERS JOLLIFY.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 16, 1884.

We wuz not misled. The nooze that cum to us, per Bascom's mul wuz subsekently confirmed. Clevelar d is electid!

When I think how cluss it wuz and how he won the fite, I am remind uv the young physician over at Seceshn Crik, wich hed his fust case obstetrix. He wuz askt the next mornin how he got on?

"Tollable, tollable," wuz his reply. "The mother and child is both de but I hev hope uv pullin the old man through!"

We won by the help uv the Prohibitionists and Independent Repub kins, and by sinkin everything wich we clame ez Democratic but we h the postoffises! That old man we hev pulled through.

His majority in Noo York is too close for any moral effeck, but mor effeck ain't wat we are after. All the moral effeck we want is the pos offis, the custom house, and the internal revenoo offis, with the places the clerks, postal agents, and things appertainin. The moral effeck th we are hankerin after is a appropriashen to bild a noo postoffis and cu tom house at the Corners, with us ez contrakters, the slack-waterin Seceshn Crik, with us to do the work, the payment uv the debt incurr by the Southern states in the attempt they made to sekoor the rite uv flo gin its laber, and the penshunin uv soljers jist the same ez the Federe is penshund.

In this latter acheevement I hev an espeshel intrest, for ez I served both sides, and did jist ez much fitin on one side ez on tother, it wood a curious Dimocratic government that woodent give me a penshun fro both. The penshun bein $13 a month, ef I git it for Federel servis ez w ez Confedrit, it will be $26 a month, and that alone will be a comfortab subsistence for me, so long ez likker is only 5 cents a glass. Ef the Co fedrits objeck on account uv my servis with the Federels, I kin safe sware that I didn't do them no hurt. The heft uv the time I spent in bo armies I wuz bizzily engaged in secretin myself in swamps. Any musk I kerried is giltlis uv hooman gore.

The horn wuz tooted that the Corners mite assemble at the meet house. The citizens wuz too smart for that. They knowd that on sich okkasion the intrest wood center at Bascom's, and they assembled the with grate yoonanimity. I never seed sich gladnis afore. The faces uv t saints wuz illuminatid with exultashen and ther wuz no need uv speech to voice the general joy.

However, I made a short speech, and managed to hold the attensh uv the crowd long enuff to perpose the follerin:

Wareas, The eleckshun uv that noble patriot, ex-Sheriff Cleveland, is ashoored, and the Dimocrisy uv the Yoonitid States, after 24 years uv wanderin in the desert uv despare, hev not only ther eyes but ther entire corporashens fixed in the promised land, it is seemly to give credit for this unexpectid result wher credit is doo. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Corners, recognisin the fact that without the assistance uv the Independent Republikins we shood never hev electid Cleveland, we tender them our heart-felt thanks, and ashoor em that ef they repent ever bein Republikins till we uv the Corners hev confidence into em, that we will take em in full fellowship, alluz pervided that never until they hev become assimilatid, ez it were, to us, shel clame none uv the offises, and that we shel hev the sole privilege uv constrooin wat civil servis reely is.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners beleeve in civil servis reform, and that it may be carried out we demand the removal uv the nigger Lubbock from the postoffis, and Joe Bigler from the internal revenoo servis ez soon ez Cleveland is inoggerated, and that sound, stanch Democrats be appinted in ther places. And, further, ez they are certain to go, we sejest that they don't wait till the 4th uv March, but that they resine to-wunst, and that President Arthur consult the President-elect and make appintments accordin. Waitin is weary.

Resolved, That next to the Independent Republikins wich wantid to reform the Republikin party by turnin over the government to pernounst Dimocrats, all uv wich we approve uv, our thanks is doo the Prohibitionists wich supportid St. John, and thus kerried Noo York fur us. We uv the Corners appreshiate this assistance, ez is like the other, it cum onexpectid.

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I hev seen enthusiasm afore but never any like that wich greeted the readin uv this resolooshen. I wuz in Noo Orleens when the nooze cum uv the defeet uv the Fedrels at Bull Run, I wuz in Memphis when we heerd uv the massacre uv the niggers at Fort Piller, but ther enthosiasm wuz child's play compared with that manifested by the Corners when this resolooshen wuz read. That old saint, Deekin Pogram, yelled "Set em up!" and the struggle to git to the bar wuz terrific. But Bascom wuz the wildist enthoosiast uv the lot. "Gentlemen," sed he, teers uv joy suffosin his eyes, "this is mine. I don't often set up likker, for likker costs money, and must be paid for, ez a rool, but when fanatikle temprance men vote to give the government over to the controle uv sich ez me, I can't stand on so small a matter ez a barl uv noo whisky. Yoo are welcome, and I commence by askin yoo all to fill your glasses, and give three cheers fur St. John and his 20,000 supporters in Noo York, wich saved the likker biznis for four years anyhow."

The assemblage drank, and the cheers wuz given with a will. I never heard more enthoosiastic cheerin, and ef St. John hed bin there he wood hev bin recompensed for his bein burned in effigy in his own home in Kansas. Enthoosiasm! I thought the people wood never quiet down. After Bascom hed got tired uv settin uv em up, Kernel McPelter, wich ez the distillery here, perposed three cheers and a tiger fur the Prohibionists, and then the good Deekin follered soot, and then I asked the howd to take suthin with me. To this Bascom objectid. "To do this," sid he, "wood be just the same ez tho I did it, and when I do it I want the credit uv it. But take suthin all the same. This is no time to stand into trifles."

I then perposed this:

Resolved, That after the Independent Republikins and the Prohibishists, our thanks is doo to the Rev. Burchard, wich made the famous speech settin the raskle Blane agin "Rum, Romanism and Rebelyun,"

This wuz a goin to pass, for the crowd wantid another drink, b Kernel McPelter remonstratid. "I oppose the adopshun uv this resol shen!" sed the Kernel, "for various reasons. Troo, the reverend gentlem did us grate servis by draggin Romanism into the canvass at a very la date, but he is entitled to no credit for it. Ef yoo go to passin resol shens complimentin the damfools uv the world, wich happen to upset su in by ther damfoolery, wher are yoo goin to stop? We shood be kep pa in resolooshens from now till to-morrer mornin, and while Bascom is in liberal mood I want to attend more clusly to the bar. Rev. Burcha made that remark wich helpt us out so gloriously becoz he is a ass i grane, and coodent help it. He had a speech, three words uv wich co menst with a R, and he hed bin waitin weeks fur a chance to fire it o He wood hev fired it off jist the same ef the tendency uv it hed bin elect Blane instid uv Cleveland, and therefore why shood we resoloot f him? He isn't entitled to any credit for enragin the Catholix who i tended to vote for Blane, for the poor ijeot hedn't the faintest ijee w he wuz doin. Like any other jackass, he hez a hind leg, wich hez to ki wunst in so long, and that wuz his time to kick! It is no credit to hi that the kick happened to hit Blane in the stumick and dubble him u for it wood hev kicked all the same ef Cleveland hed stood wher Bla wuz. It wuz Blane's misforchoon and Cleveland's good luck that the R publikin candidate happened to stand within range uv the hind hoof this phenomenal jackass.

"It is different with the others, for they must hev knowd wat they w doin. The Independent Republikins must hev knowd that wat they w doin wood elect Cleveland, and tho I kin see no reason why they shood ez they did, they are, all the same, entitled to our thanks. The same troo uv the Prohibishnists. Every one uv em wich wuz originelly a R publikin must hev knowd that his vote fur St. John, on whose hed I invo the blessin uv a distiller, wuz a half vote for Cleveland. They must h actid with their eyes open, and are entitled to our thanks and congrato lashens, but the soopreme ass, Burchard, never!"

This resolooshen wuz lost, but the likker wuzn't.

Bascom lost his head entirely and vacated the bar, and the Deek and myself tried for a time to dispense his hospitality, but the populis g beyond us. The spigot wuz set runnin, glasses wuz dispensed with a tin dippers took their places, and the entire crowd helped therselve cheerin lustily for St. John, George Wilyum Curtis and Henry Ward Beec er ez long ez they cood cheer at all. We wuz all on the floor the ne mornin.

It wuz wildly enthoosiastic, but kin we be blamed? Honey h come out uv the carkis, and after so long a waitin it wuz meet that t glorious event be properly celebrated. The postoffis is within site, and h I long for the time to come when I shel hev my own agin.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Almost).

MR. NASBY SEES TROUBLE AHEAD.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Nov. 25, 1884.

Ther ain't sich cleer sailin ez I sposed ther wood be. Mankind is t most selfishest uv the hooman family, and the most given to greedinis a resemblin the swine uv the valley, wich gits its feet ez well ez its no into the troff.

While the election wuz pendin no one exprest any question ez to who wuz to hev the three Federel offises in this village. It wuz a understood matter that I wuz to be postmaster, Issaker Gavitt collector uv customs, and Kernel McPelter collector uv internal revenoo. These appintments wuz all in the interest uv civil servis reform. I hev a mortgage on the postoffis, becoz I need it to live on, Issaker Gavitt the custom house, becoz he hez his farm mortgaged, and Kernel McPelter, the internal revenoo offis, becoz bein a distiller it will be convenient for him to gauge his own whisky. Then we are entitled to these places, further, becoz no three men in the Corners did so much for Cleveland and reform ez we. I raised the money to send a party under charge uv Issaker and McPelter over into Injeany to vote, I only stayin at home myself to act ez a guard to keep the niggers away from the poles at the Corners, to enshoor the eleckshun uv a reform member uv Congress. We all hed posts uv danger, and ef any are entitled to the places uv profit it is us'ns.

We held a meetin to consider the matter uv the offises—the Dimocrisy uv the Corners yoonanimusly demandin it. We gladly acceded to their demands, supposin, uv course, that wat they wantid wuz to give eggspreshn to the popler demand for our appointment, and we all three went so fur ez to borrer cleen shirts to appear in, and to prepare speeches uv thanks to our feller citizens fur the confidence they reposed into us.

We asked the Dimocrisy to turn out en masse, to organize theirselves into a perceshn, and fur each one to hev a banner to carry on that okkasion to make it impressive.

"Wat shel we hev put onto our banners?" they askt.

"Anything," I replied, "that expresses yoor idee uv Dimocrisy."

It won't never do to trust the Dimocrisy without full preparashun. Every man uv the 237 Dimocratic voters in the Corners wuz promptly on hand, each with a banner, and jist ez promptly every one uv em onrolled sun, and onto every one uv the 237 wuz this legend: "To the Victers belong the Spoils!"

That wuz their ijee uv a Dimekratic triumpf, and while it may be the honest expreshn uv their inmost hearts, it needn't hev been quite so yoonanimusly exprest.

Ther wus jist 237 Dimocrats present in the meetin house, and I called the meetin to order, and me and Isaker and Kernel McPelter sot there in our biled shirts, lookin ez dignified ez possible, waitin for some one to sest our names for the three offises, and offerin a resolooshen that President Cleveland immejitly appint us and settle the minds uv the Corners.

Not one uv em did it, however, and to releeve the okkurd paws I sestid that the objick uv the meetin wuz to take ackshen regardin the Fedel offises in the Corners, and that an expreshn uv opinyun wood be in order.

Elder Pennibacker riz and remarkt that that wuz wat we wuz met for, and ez it wuz ruther embarrassin fur a man to perpose hisself, he moved that the sense uv the meetin be got at by ballotin fur a candidate fur postmaster!

I riz to objeck, but before I cood git in a word edgeways the moshun wuz kerried, and I wuz compelled to appint tellers. Then the Dimocrisy rit their ballots and passed in sollum perceshn in front uv the hat, deposin them therein.

The tellers countid them out. Ther wuz precisely 237 votes cast, and it wuz a singler thing that every man present hed jist one vote for postmaster!

"Gentlemen!" sed I in rage, "wat does this meen? There ain't a man in this awjence wich don't know that the posishen uv postmaster at the Corners blongs to me by perscriptive rite. Ther ain't a man who don't know that I hev bin waitin for it—"

"And I hev waitid for it!" yelled them all in korus.

"Gentlemen," sed Issaker Gavitt, "we hed better pass the postoffis, for there seems to be some question ez to who shel fill that place, and pass to the seleckshun uv the candidate fur collector uv customs."

This wuz agreed to, and the ballots wuz prepared, votid and countid out. The result wuz eggsackly ez before: 237 votes cast, and each man in the house reseevin one vote!

Issaker Gavitt remarkt that he coodent understand it; that he sposed the Dimocrisy uv the Corners wuz actooatid by patriotic motives in supportin Cleveland in this grate struggle for reform, but diskivered the poseshun uv the Fedrel offises wuz the controllin motive. He felt a disgust wich he coodent find words to express.

Kernel McPelter sejestid that the posishen uv collector uv customs be passed, and a ballot be taken for the important posishen uv collector uv internal revenoo, wich wuz done with this result: Vote cast 237, each man in the awjence reseevin jist one vote!

The fact became apparent that ther wuz a ded-lock, for no man cood git a majority uv even one. Every Dimocrat in the Corners wantid a posishen, and not one perposed to miss a chance for any uv em.

I wuz amoosed at the rage uv Issaker Gavitt and the Kernel, and they wondered at the camnis with wich I took the sitooashen.

"Yoo are in the same box with us," they whispered hoarsely, "wat shel we do?"

I disdaned to anser. I knew my strength. I simply pulled Bascom over to me and whispered in his ear: "Wat them too owe yoo, yoo kin git, for yoo hev a mortgage onto ther lands. Wat I owe yoo is furever lost onless I git this place!"

Then Bascom riz and demandid that a vote fur the postoffis be taken over agin, "and," he continued, "I want it understood that my candidate is the Parson here."

A howl uv dissent went up from the entire awjence.

"Gentlemen," sed Bascom, in a very firm manner, "I beg to call your attention to one important fact. Ef ther is a man within the sound uv my voice to whom the Parson is not in debt, I shood like to be interdoost to him. Ef he ain't appinted wat is to happen to the Corners? We mite ez well hang cur finanshel harp onto the willers. Wat he owes me is gone furever, and wat he owes everybody—"

"We don't keer wat he owes yoo!" yelled the eggscitid populis. "We hev rites—we hev ez much rite to the postoffis ez he hez. We won't stand it!"

Bascom saw that the time hed come fur suthin decisive. He riz from his seet and glared onto that awjence with a glare that hed in it suthin feendish. They qualed afore the liten in that shot from his ize.

"Yer don't keer fur me, yoo don't! Yoo defy me, do yoo! We shel see. I give yoo notis now that whoever opposes the appintment uv the Parson need never cross my threshold agin! I cut him off from his likker no matter ef he brings the money with him and lays it down on the counter. The Parson in the postoffis or excommunicashen!"

It had its effeck. With blanched faces and piteous ize they bowed el

one man and sed: "Anything but that! We withdraw our claim to that posishen!"

"I thought yoo wood," replied Bascom, wich is indeed a Napoleon. "I don't keer about the other places, but ez the Parson hez absorbed about all the surplus capitle uv the Corners in the twenty-four yeers he hez lived here, we must hev a show to git it back. Yoo kin fite over the other offices, but this is sakred to me."

I am well enuff fixed, but the greed and hungrinis uv the Dimocrisy is disgustin. Labor is entirely suspendid. Every man in the Corners is out on the street with a petishn fur his own appintment to one uv the two remainin posishuns, and fites okkur every minit. Ez ther ain't but two places, and ez half the Dimocrisy uv the Corners want one and tother half the other, ther is terrible differences uv opinyun. I don't know wat the thing will end in.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Saved by circumstances).

P. S.—Issaker Gavitt and Kernel McPelter hev made a stroke. They hev jined forces. The Kernel is to be collector uv revenoo, and Issaker is to be depitty, the salary to be divided ekal, consekently the Kernel hez two names on his petishn.

2d P. S.—Deekin Pogram and Elder Pennibacker hev hitched teems, on the same basis. The Deekin is to be collector uv customs, and the Elder his depitty, and they are also to divide the salary. The Deekin hez consekently two names on his petishn.

3d P. S.—The rest uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners are goin to call a meetin pertestin agin this doublin up to inflooence the President. They sware it ain't in akkordance with civil servis reform.

4th P. S.—Joe Bigler hez dashed all our hopes, and the Corners is in mournin. He comes to us with the statement that President Cleveland is goin to stick by the civil servis rools, and that no offishl will be removed ceptin for coz!

'Ceptin for coz! Wat holler mockery! Ain't we, wich supported him, goin to hev the places? Ain't we wich fot and bled (money) and went to injeany and votid in the sakred coz uv reform, ain't we goin to be postmasters and sich? Another meetin hez bin called for to-nite, sined by the 237 applicants for the three places, to denounse President Cleveland's ackshen ez undemocratic, unholy and out uv all precedent. They will be there, and ef a stingin rebuke don't go up from the Corners I am mistaken. We kin stand anything but this. We fought for reform, and wat kind uv reform is it that leaves a nigger in the postoffis, when I owe Bascom for 24 years' supplies, and Joe Bigler in the collector's offis, with Bascom holdin a mortgage on Issaker Gavitt's farm! That won't do, and President Cleveland must understand it. We mite ez well hev Blane for President.

P. V. N.

MR. NASBY GROWING IMPATIENT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
March 11, 1885.

I intendid to go to Washington, myself, to attend the inoggerashen, but I found it wuz impossible. I wantid to brace up the President-elect, the champion uv civil servis reform, in the matter uv the appintments at the Corners, but two things stood in the way. To go to Washington in the intrest uv civil servis reform required a cleen shirt, and money. The

cleen shirt I managed. Lubbock, the nigger postmaster here, wich h held the place sence Linkin's day, ceptin the time that Johnson wuz a cidentally histed into the place, hez several shirts, and ez he lives quit a distance from the Corners, the Dimekratic end uv the village, his wi feels safe in leevin her washin out over nite. I borrerd a shirt from Mr Lubbock at about 12 one nite, without indulgin in any preliminary tal with either her or her husband. They charged it up to tramps, and tha wuz the end uv it.

But when it come to gittin money to go onto, that wuz quite anoth thing. Bascom sed ef I wood give bonds to stay away after I hed go he'd furnish the capital for me to go on, with great willingnis, but ef wuz only to go and return, he most respectfully declined. I sejested him that while I wuz gone I woodent be runnin up a bill at his bar, b he sed he hed figgered that up, also. It wuz cheeper to keep me here tha to furnish me money to go on. Troo, wat likker I drunk wuz equivale to a dead loss, but okkasionally I managed to rope in a stranger, and th profit he got out uv that did suthin toward lessenin the cost uv keepin m while ez he gave me money, that wuz gone forever.

Ez th rest uv my friends buttoned up their pokkits when I intimat that I neeiid money to go with to prevent the President from forgittin u when he come to reformin the civil servis by histin Lubbock, Joe Bi ler and Pollock, I made up my mind I woodent go at all.

But wat we uv the Corners want to know is, when is the Preside agoin to move on the enemies' works? When is the civil servis refor again to begin? When is Lubbock agoin to be histed? When am I ago to be put in posishen to pay cash fur likker, and not be hoomiliatid the necessity uv borrerin a clean shirt, when I want one, off uv Lubbock cloze line at 12 o'clock at nite? When is Issaker Gavitt agoin to take J Bigler's place, and when is Deekin Pogram agoin to apply the toe uv t President's boot to Pollock's coat tails?

We hev earned our places. We sent a yoonanimus delegashn to Shec go, wich wuz prepared to vote fur any one wich we thot cood be nomi atid. All doorin the campane we fot for Cleveland and civil servis r form in the administrashen, ez men never fot afore. Kentucky wuz sa fur we don't allow niggers nor Northern carpet baggers to vote anyho and that we mite do suthin to make ashoorence doubly shoor we rais means to send brave, determined reformers over into Injeany and Oh where they voted ez many times ez possible. Impecoonius as I am, I co tribbited to the sakred coz. I borrored $7 of an intoxicatid Louisvi drummer wich had cum to the Corners for the fust time, and didn't kn us, and I gave the half uv it to the Injeany votin fund. It wuzn't muc but it wuz more to me than the hundreds uv thousands that the ralero interest uv Noo York give fur the same purpus. I sung ez I give it:

"I give thee all, I kin no more,
Tho poor the offrin be."

We hev done our sheer—now let the President do his. He shood co sider that we can't wait furever. He shood remember that we hev l outside the pale uv offishl life fur 24 years, gnashin our teeth at th wich wuz inside. He shood remember that many uv hev bin waitin we hev moss growd on our bax, and thet we hev bin hungry all these yea He shood remember that the civil servis reformer hez a stumick, jist same ez anybody else, and that it costs the bars ez much to keep a c servis reformer loobricatid ez it does anybody else. He shood remem

hat Lubbock didn't vote for him, and I did. (Lubbock, by the way, bein a nigger, didn't vote fur anybody, but he wood hev votid for Blane ef he ned bin permittid to vote at all). He shood remember that ther are letters agoin every day thro the mails uv the Corners, containin money, and that I want that money fur Bascom and my other sustenance. He shood remember that time is wingin us away to our eternal home, and we can't wate furever. Ef he dilly-dallies with the postoffises till I am ded and an angel, wat good will it do me? I want my reward now—now, while I hev a stumick to feed and the fires uv a perennial nose to keep a blazin.

In this I voice the cries uv the faithful from the rock-bound coast uv Maine to the savanners uv Texas. I howl fur two-thirds uv the Dimocrisy uv the kentry. I am sayin wat the President must heer, fur my appeel is the appeel uv a starvin man.

We don't keer about the Cabinet. Them wich will be appinted to the Cabinit don't need their monthly pay anyhow. They hev credit at the bars they paternize. They hev cleen shirts, and most uv em probably two or three. They are not the ones wich is hungrin and thirstin. It is us wich are after the postoffices, and collectorships. and sich places, wich must be fust attendid to. It is no time to settle questions uv polisy. To-day is our acceptid time, and the postoffises is our policy.

Ef the President is wise he will heed this cry. This is his fust biznis. We don't keer for policies, or anything else. Give us the offises fust and we will swaller watever polisy he presents to us. Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Bascom endorse every word uv this.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Ravenus).

MR. NASBY TAKES POSSESSION BY FORCE.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
September 14, 1885.

The President hed returned from the Adirondax, but my commishen ed not come. Day after day I walked past the postoffis, and saw thro he winder that infernal nigger Lubbock sittin camly at his tahle, doorin biznis hours, and then closin the concern ad walkin home to his house in the edge uv the village, and oin thereafter with his wife to the prayer meetin uv his church, or to a onashen party, or suthin uv the sort, never stoppin in Bascom's to set n up for the thirsty soles wich is alluz there waitin for them wich hez oney.

Bascom gnashed his teetn every time he saw him. "The salary that at inferior bein drors from a Dimocratic government I am being deaudid out uv, daily. It blongs to me, and I shood hev it hed we a resident that hez the slitest ijee wat is doo to them wich electid him."

The feelin grew more and more intense, ontil it wuz decided that it od not go on this way any longer. We met and resolved. We felt that cood not wate on the slow movemence uv a President wich duz not apeshate the guidin star uv Dimocrisy, "To the victers blong the spoils," d we determined to take the law into our own hands. We elected Gro-r Cleveland, and we are entitled to the substanshel froots uv the grate ictry.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "this is a grave and momenchus moment. Ther sich a thing ez pitchin that nigger out into the street and inoggeratin

me by forse, or we may wait the slow movemence uv a traitor to Dimo-
risy, and continner goin dry. Wich shel it be?"

It wuz a momenchus moment. Bascom turned pale.

"The nigger Lubbock is a part uv the government—to pitch him ou
onto his nose is to pitch the government out onto its nose. I weaken."

"And let Lubbock go on, and me a spittin cotton? So be it."

Ther wuz a moment uv deep silence, but a decishn wuz arrived at
They looked the matter into the face and determined to take the conse-
kences.

The Deekin, Issaker Gavitt, Kunnel McPelter, Bascom and myself wen
camly but determinedly over to the postoffis, and walked into the aston-
ished postmaster's room.

"I am cum," I sed, "to take posseshn uv this offis!"

"Hev yoo a commishn?" asked the feend, grinnin a sardonik grin.

"I hev no commishn, nor am I agoin to wate for wun. Wat yoo wan
to do is to git out. The people don't want yoo here, and our motto is
'Vox populi, vox Dei.' Git!"

Lubbock refoosed to git, whereupon we four took him up bodily an
pitched him out on his nose on the sidewalk.

Then I sot down in his place and assoomed the dooties uv the offis
I am postmaster de facto, and we shel see whether a Dimokratic Presi-
dent will reverse the richus decizhun uv the people.

There wuz a male on the table to be sent out, and I eggsamined it
Ther wuz only three letters and two uv em was addrest to the Loozeane
lottry at New Orleans. I am opposed on prinsipple to lottries, and I fee
it my dooty to rescoo the unforchnit victims uv the lottery habit fron
the evil consekences uv ther folly. I sed to myself "that money shel no
go to the managers in Noo Orleans to swell their coffers," and I confisti
kated the letters on the spot ez contraband.

They contaned each a five dollar bill. I put one uv the sed bills in m
vest pokkit, and handid the other to Bascom, sayin to him to give m
credit for it on account.

There never wuz a more surpriseder man on earth. It wuz the fus
money he hed hed uv me sence Grant histed me out uv the offis in 186
and it affectid him visibly. He sank back in a chare, overcome with emo
shun, and wept teers uv gratitood.

"My deer sir," sed I, graspin him by the hand, "this is only a begin
nin. This is the first drops uv the Pactolian shower wich is to come. The
is my salary and ther is letters every day containin remittances to th
Loozeaner Lottry. A better day has dawned onto the Corners."

Bascom rung my hand and staggered out speechlis, forgettin in hi
emoshun to take up the $5 note, wich I immejitly put in my vest pokki
with its blessed sister.

I am now entirely happy. I am in my old place and everything is se
rene. Bascom's is right across the road, and it is but a step over ther
To save time, I hev a demijohn uv his newest on my table, and a box u
two-for-five cigars with matches handy. From my window on my rit
hand I kin see the smoke assendin forever from McPelter's distillery,
sweet ashoorence that the stock uv likker will never run out. Betwixt m
and the distillery is the tree onto wich we yoost to hang niggers and th
carpet-baggers uv the North wich cum to the Corners with their disturbi
Loshens, and just by it, a little to the rite, is the identikle spot where I
saker Gavitt shot a Northern man thro the kidneys fur persistin in hurra

for Grant. Ther wuz a nigger skool house jist to the left, wich we rned in '65, and I am now wearin the coat uv the hed-teacher, wich we ng. To sit and dror the salary uv postmaster with all these historic ices, with the other conveniences, within site, is too soothin for anything. e Yoonyun is saved at last, and the government is trooly in the hands its friends.

All is peece with me. After battenin on the barren rox uv politikel de- et all these dreery years, it is a sweet delite to be wunst more feedin in e tall grass by the runnin waters uv offishul patronage.

I rest sekoor. Uv course Cleveland will be glad to be glad to be re- eved uv the responsibility uv makin a removal, and will to wunst send e my commishun.

We shel move the other two offises next week, in the same way. The uthorities at Washington are too slow for this progressive age. We uv e Corners want wat we fit fur.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M. (at last and triumphant).

MR. NASBY LANGUISHES IN A BASTILE.

In a Basteel, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
September 20, 1885.

The blow hez fallen. Liberty and jestis hez bin outraged in my per- on. I am languishin in a basteel at the Corners, with my compatriots, ascom, Issaker Gavitt, Kernel McPelter and Deekin Pogram, and to ake the pane more akoot and the sufferin more intense, the blow wuz nflictid by a man wich I votid fur, Grover Cleveland.

Wishin to releeve the President uv the responsibility uv removin the igger, Lubbock, wich hez yooserpt my postoffis for the past 20 yeers, ex- eptin the one interval that Androo Jonson wuz President by the lucky re- novle uv that goriller, Linkin, we seezed the place, pitched the nigger out n the street, onto his nose, and took possesshun uv the offis.

Possibly the removle wuz irregler, but wat wuz we to do? The Presi- lent hed gone up into the Adirondax, fishin, leevin me out in the cold, vithout the meens uv compassin a drink, and after his return, he paid no ittenshun to our agonizin appeels.

Wat wuz we to do? Why, we did wat any freemen shood hev done— ve asserted our rites by forse. We made up our minds that the civil ervis law was unconstitooshnel, and we abrogated it. That is the way he Corners hev alluz done, and we did it. We took wat wuz our own, nd in our own way. Wuz that nigger Lubbock to continner in the post- offis wich blonged to me? Never!

Wat happened? Why, a Yoonited States marshel, barin the authority uv the goverment, cum into the offis ten days after we seized it, reinstated he nigger and arrested the hull bilin uv us for histin him out, and we wuz ignominyusly taken to jale, and are to be tried in the Yoonited States courts, with the brilyant prospeck uv imprisonment for twenty yeers.

I am willin to die and be gathered to my fathers. Life hez no charms for me, and the final end can not cum too soon. I am writin in my dreery cell. Out of the little winder I kin see into the winder uv the postoffis, where Lubbock sits smilin, occashunly bowin to me, ez he sees my eager face thro the bars. In derishun he puts up my demijohn in full site, and goes thro the moshuns uv takin a drink from it, grinnin like a baboon ez

he sees the anguish on my face. Pollock and Joe Bigler cum in, even and anon, and they also grin at me, with a expreshun that drives me mad. I shel go insane ef this continners much longer.

I never understood or appreshated the fable uv Tantalus afore. To see my demijohn in the hands uv another man, to hev it so clost that I cood almost hear the gurgle uv the refreshin flooid, and not be able to even smell the refreshin drink, wuz too much. Tantalus wuz surroundid with water and wuz not permittid to drink. I think I cood endoor to see Lubbock foolin with water, and smile serenely, but to see him with a demijohn uv whisky, out uv my reech, wuz suthin terrible.

From this cell, I, a martyr, appeel to the Dimocrisy uv the kentry. We hev bin betrayed. We hev not electid a Dimocrat. We hev no got wat we votid fur. Wher are the offises? Who is holdin em? Is it the sturdy Dimocrisy wich bore the heet and burden uv the day, or is it the eleventh-hour converts, whose noses are not yit colored, and who still ware cleen shirts?

Grover Cleveland is evidently panderin to the better elements uv his party, or is tryin to be respectable by continooin Republikins in offis. I am languishin in jale, and Lubbock, a nigger appinted by Grant, is holdin the place to wich I hev a prescriptive rite. Bascom's place is bein run by his wife, and the fires hev gone out in McPelter's distillery. Mirandy Pogram is cuttin firewood, tho she don't complane. She sez she don't keer how long they keep her father in jale, ez she finds it easier to pervide for herself alone than it is to take keer uv him also. I perswadid the Deekin to beseech uv her to sell suthin and send him the proseeds, that we mite prokoor ever so little sustenance to soothe us in our afflickshens, but she hartlessly refoosed. Bascom won't send fur a drop fur us, McPelter refooses to advance even a pint, I am dryer than a limekiln, and the cotton spit wood supply a Lowell factory.

Will the Dimocrisy stand this? Are we to git within site uv the promised land and then die uv thirst without occupyin it? Is ther no releef to cum to us? Is it possible that I shel hev to turn Republikin to git the place that belongs to me?

How long, oh, Lord! how long?

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Despairin).

HOW MR. NASBY WAS RELEASED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
December 29, 1885.

Some months ago, me and three others, feelin that we wuz outraged by the retenshun in offis uv a nigger postmaster wich hez held the posisher 24 years, with one breef interval, pitched him out onto the sidewalk on his disgustin flat nose, and I took posshen uv the place and perceeded to open the letters deposited therein wich was addrest to the Loozeaner Lottery Co. For thus assertin my rights I was arrestid and incarserated in a Basteel, where I hev langished ever sence. Yisterday ther cum from Washington this breef message to the sheriff:

"Discharge Petroleum V. Nasby on his own recognizance. He ain't wuth prosecootin."

I refoosed to go. The note added insult to injery. To discharge me now prevents my bein tride and shinin ez a marter afore the Dimocrisy uv the kentry, and besides to turn me out uv my comfortable quarters in the

jale in the ded uv winter, without givin me the offis to live onto, is a outrage. I wuz at leest decently fed, and the jale wuz warm, and Bascom did relent occashunally, to the pint uv sendin me sum sustenance, and altogether I wuz doin very well. Wat will becum uv me now I don't see. It's a cold world.

My releese wuz made the occashun uv a demonstrashen on the part uv the citizens, that is a part of the citizens. Bascom, Deekin Pogram, Issaker Gavitt and Kernel M'Pelter embraced the oppertoonity to git in sum fine work, and they succeedid in gettin enuff others together at the meetin house to make a respectable show. I wuz escorted thither, fur effeck, leanin on the arms uv Bascom and the Deekin, ez the long confinement hed undermined my helth and destroyed my strength. I wuz seeted in a chare, and perfessin too much weeknis to perside, the Deekin did it fur me.

Bascom narrated the circumstances uv the case.

"Our frend and assoshate wuz incarseratid," sed he, "three months ago —(Loud cheers wich drowndid his voice,)—and he wuz jist releesed." (Dismal groans wich also drowndid his voice, and cries uv "Wat did they want to let him loose fur? It is cheeper to support him in jale than any other way.")

Bascom seein that ther wuz no yoose in tryin to make a speech, passed to the resolooshens:

Wareas, No seckshun uv the kentry labored harder fur the triumf uv Dimocratic principles last fall than did the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, and

Wareas, No seckshun uv the kentry adoptid more hartily the prinsiples uv the Dimocrisy ez sot forth in the platform adoptid at the Nashnel Dimocratic convenshun ez red to us from the Looisville paper, and

Wareas, When we finelly succeeded in electid a Dimocrat we hed reeson to expeck a complete change in the offises at the Corners and the fillin uv the same with friends uv the administrashen, and

Wareas, The sed offises is still held by the old incumbents, them ez hez fattened onto the spoils thereof for a quarter uv a centry, the same never hevin votid a Dimocratic tikkit in ther lives, therefore be it

Resolved, That wat the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, ez well ez the whole Younitid States, ment by Dimocrisy is postoffis.

Resolved, That while we spose a platform is a necessity, and that it wuz well enuff to hev one to stand onto, and all that, it don't meen anything and ain't bindin onto anybody after the eleckshun.

Resolved, That Grover Cleveland after he wuz electid to the Presidency, in goin back and takin his stand onto the platform uv the convenshun wich nominated him, and reely undertakin to carry out its pervishuns, hez gone back on Dimocratic precedent, and outraged the party wich hez honored him.

Resolved, That we uv the Corners seein the Republikins in offis demand in thunder tones wat in blazes we are better off than we wood hev bin hed Blane bin electid?

Resolved, That wunst more we demand the immejit removal uv the present incumbents uv the offises uv postmaster, collecter uv internal revehoo, and collecter uv customs and the appintment to them posishens uv substanshel Dimocrats, that bein wat we consider the Dimocratic prinsiples, fur wich we fot fur, wich we repeeted fur, and fur wich we kep niggers and Republikins from the poles last fall, bustin the heds uv sich ez persisted in votin, remorselissly.

Resolved, That we wich contributid to send Kentuckians to Injeany to vote, makin shoor the carryin uv that state fur the Dimocratic nominees, hez jest coz fur complaint at bein refoosed a heerin when we demand the offishl patronage uv the Dimocratic administrashen. Ef civil servis reform don't meen the turnin out uv men wich hev bin in offis neerly a quarter uv a sentery, and substitootin in ther places Dimocrats wich otherwise kin never pay ther bar bills, we want to know wat does.

Resolved, That the President in refoosin to see or listen to the frantic appeels uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners, hez forfeited the respect uv all troo Dimocrats.

Resolved, That feelin willin to meet him more than half-way we simply ask that he write down eggsackly wat he wants us to accept ez Dimocrisy, makin our assent thereto a condishn uv reseevin our commishns, and we pledge ourselves to not only assent to em, but to take affidavit that we bleeve in em. Ef he kin lay down any set uv opinyuns that we won't accept we hev never been interdoosed to ourselves.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the deth uv the late Vice President and jist as sincerely wish we cood mourn the deth uv the President, onless he changes his tactics toward us. Men in Bascom's books and out uv offis, kin bear a heep uv some kinds uv greef.

Resolved, That the Dimocrisy uv the Corners want the offises, and will never be satisfied till they git them.

These resolooshens wuz past yoonanimusly, and the meetin adjerned to Bascom's, wher in accordance to custom, he set em up. That is how we git our people together. I took my glass and sed:—

"Bascom, I will not do ez the common herd duz, drink at yoor expense. Charge this." To wich he replied: "Never mind. It's all the same to me whether I stand treet, or charge it. In fact, its better to stand treet, fur thereby I save the cost uv the chalk, and the laber uv puttin it down."

My fucher course is not determined. At the present writin I hev my old bed at the Deekin's, much to Mirandy's disgust, and I hev my accustomed corner in Bascom's. There is an occashunal commershal traveler cumin to the place, who invites me, and I manage to ring on sum uv the people wich hev sold a mule, and are reckliss, and so I shall git on. But every time I look acrost the street, and see Lubbock in that postoffis the iron enters my sole, and life looks dark and dreery.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Free, but still in bonds.)

MR. NASBY RECEIVES HIS APPOINTMENT.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky)
Sept. 26, 1886.

Halleloogy! The kentry is saved. Last night my comishn ez Postmaster at the Confedrit X Roads, wich is in the State uv Kentucky, reached me, and the good ole Corners is saved the disgrace uv reseevin its male at the hands uv an disgustin nigger.

My appintment wuz made in the interest uv Civil Servis Reform. His Eggslency the President held out a long time agin makin the change, but when it wuz represented to him that Lubbock, the nigger incumbent, hed held the place for [illegible] yeers, with a slite outin when Johnson wuz President, he felt it necessary that ther be a change, becoz in so long a time he felt that ther must be reason for suspectin suthin in the way uv corrupshen. Sed he to our Representative:

"I don't know uv a Democrat wich cood hold a offis 25 yeers without steelin suthin, and I am not goin to admit that the inferior Republikin Afrikin is any better than the proud Democratic Cawcashan. My experience teeches me that Lubbock must be a theef and shood be removed."

Consekently I hev the place and a blessed cam rests upon the Corners.

Ther never wuz a more excitner time than when the nooze that I her reseeved my commishn got out in the Corners. The people poured out

en masse, and insisted that I shood enter to wunst upon dooties. I remarkt to em that my bond hed yit to be made out afore I cood take posseshn, but they woodent heer to it. They organized into a perceshn in front uv Bascom's, and, under the eggscitement uv the occashun, he giv em all credit to a stiff drink. The perceshn wuz a bootiful site. It wuz headid by Deekin Pogram, who impervised a banner, onto wich wuz written: "May the Internal Revenoo foller the Post Offis in short metre."

Next cum Issaker Gavitt with my comishn onto a pole, with the inscripshen: "In this sine we conker!" and after that cum every Democrat in the Corners, and a grate many Republikins. They poured into the offis and pitched Lubbock out neck and crop, and triumphantly installed me in his place.

I coodent understand the enthoosiasm wich the masses exhibited, for I hev never bin in the habit of considrin myself a very popler man, but I wuz not kep long in the dark ez to the movin and impellin coz. It wuz not so much love for me, ez it wuz the fact that

I OWE EVERY MAN IN THE CORNERS!

"Now," said wun uv the most noisy cheerers, "now that yoo hev got yoor place, for which we hev wated so long, uv course yoo will immejitly pay me the ten dollars yoo borrered uv me, 20 long and dreery yeers ago. I am not going to play any Shylock onto yoo—I am going to be libral. I shel throw orf the interest, and take the original $10."

"Yoor kindnis I never shel forgit," I murmured. "Yoo kindly throw off the intrest—now will yoo also kindly consent that I shel throw off the prinsiple? It is troo I don't do ez hevy a job uv throwin off ez yoo do, but I am ekal to it. With sich an ekitable arrangement ez that, how eezy a settlement between us becomes! Let us commence the throwin off biznis to wunst, and git onto a sound finanshel basis. Ef ther is enything that I hate it is debt, and I wood be releeved ez soon as possible."

To my horrer, the onfeelin man utterly refoozed to do anything uv the kind, and when I sot back into my chare and asked him was he wuz goin to do about it, ther wuz sich a pandemonium broke loose ez it hez bin seldom my lot to witnis. Every man wich hed shoutid hisself hoarse in the perceshn in honor of my appintment cum forrerd with his bill and demandid immejit payment.

In vane I insisted that it wuz all wrong, that I had not drored a penny uv my salary ez yit, that they cooden't expect to git any money till my first quarter wuz paid, and that even then all they cood expeck wood be an installment, as it woodent be fair to pay one and leeve the rest out, and that inezmuch ez the indebtednis wuz so large that the dividend eech wood receevé out uv the first quarter's salery wood be so small ez to do them no good, and ez in a lump it wood do me a power uv good, why a dividend at all? I sed all this to em, but it did no good. They howled for ther money, and swore that ef I did not pony up, to-wunst, they wood tear me lim from lim.

Genius stood me in good stead jist at this crifikle pint. A happy thought struck me. I riz and waved my hand over the eggscited multitood, and they sank back into silence.

"Gentlemen," sed I, "I recognize your rite to be paid, and you shel be paid."

"'Ror!" shreekt every wun uv em.

"Silver and gold hev I nun, but sich ez I hev I give unto thee. I shel

pay you—never feer. I perpose to execoot my notes to eech uv you, for the amount I owe, prinsiple and interest. Now these notes are never to be paid, in the world."

"Wat good will they do us, then?" the infants in finance demanded.

"Wat good? It will be yoor fault ef yoo don't make em jist ez good ez anybody's money. Ef yoo will agree among yoorselves to recognize em ez cash, to take em in exchange for the produx uv the earth, jist the same ez yoo do any other paper money, they will anser the same purpus ez any other money. All yoo hev to do, to make a perfeck currency uv em, is to continyoo to take em. The greenbax and nashnel bank currency is based upon the public debt—this currency will be based upon my debts. Nay more, in order that the Corners, wich I love, shel hev an abundant currency, I am willin to go deeper into debt. Ef any wun uv yoo hev a mule, or a wagin, or a gun, or a watch, or any other property, I will buy it and pay for it in my notes, uv denominashens uv $1, $2 and $5, for convenyence, and yoo yoose these notes jist the same ez money. So long ez yoo take em, they go ez money and are money. Passin from hand to hand, industriously, they will, ez a matter uv course, wear out, and then it will be my pleasin dooty to make out noo ones, wich I will do cheerfully. Uv course I can't pay interest on this paper, fur ef I shood, any one uv yoo wich is able-bodied, and temperit, so ez to live long in the land, wood, evenchooally, own the airth. But yoo see yoo git yoor prinsiple, and any man wat gits his prinsiple uv me is dooin a mity hefty stroke uv biznis."

The skeem struck em favorably, and they made up a puss to buy a book uv blank notes, and I fillin em out and settled with all but one, wich lingered after the rest hed departid satisfied. He wuz a very large and ugly customer from over on Seceshn Crick, wich hed killed sevral men with whom he had differed on triflin matters. He waited till the rest hed departed, when he remarked to me, "Parson, onct when I wuz very drunk, 20 yeers, ago I lent yoo $10. I wuz jist drunk enuff to lend it."

"Why, O why," I moaned, "wurn't yoo drunk enuff to forgit it, ez well?"

"I wuzn't. I hev supportid yoo for all sorts uv places that I mite git back that $10. I want it now, and I may ez well say to yoo that ef I don't git it within 5 minits, yoo and I will differ in opinion ez to whether yoor jaw shood be broke or not."

His keen, glitrin eye wuz onto me, and wat wuz I to do? Jist at that minit I heerd a letter drop into the box frum the outside.

Saved! Saved!

It wuz addrest to the Loozeaner Lottery Co., Noo Orleens.

Wuz I agoin to permit any uv my constitooents to send money to that concern? Not any. With nervous fingers I tore it open. Halleloogy! It contained jist $10. Hastily puttin the letter in my pocket, I handed Filkins the $10 note. "I alluz intended to pay yoo, Filkins," I remarked keerlessly, "and I am glad you reminded me uv the little obligashen. Let's go and take suthin. I think now I hev credit at Bascom's."

This wuz my first offishel act ez Postmaster under the Civil Servis Rools uv His Eggslency, President Cleveland.

I don't know wat will be the upshot uv the zeel uv the populis in pitchin Lubbock out so summarily, but I don't think that the Administrashn will object to any little thing like that. Anyhow I shel go on and do the dooties uv the offis.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Now Reely Postmaster.)

MR. NASBY HAPPY AND CONTENTED.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 1, 1886.

I am abslootly happy and content. My cup uv bliss is full and runnin over, and ther ain't nothin now lackin in this world to give me absloot peece uv mind. My commishn cum in doo time, Bascom, Deekin Pogram and Kernel M'Pelter went onto my bond, and I am secoorly installed in the place I hev bin watin fur 24 yeers and over.

I am now postmaster at the Corners, and my confidence in Cleveland ez a patriot and a Dimocrat is restored. While I wuz watin, and watin, and hopin, I may hev doubted him, but now, now that hope hez crystalized into reality, now that my faith is not the substance uv things not seen, but things that is tangible, I hev no more doubts. Groves Cleveland is to me a model President, and one of the saviors uv his kentry.

I cood not be better fixed ef I hed my destiny to make to order. The room in wich the post-offis is sitooatid is ez conveyent ez it cood be. Rite across the street is Bascom's and it only takes me a minit to cross to it, when we meet to save the kentry. Out uv wun winder I kin command a unobstructid vew uv the two other 'sloons we hev in the Corners, and to the rite, cut uv another winder M'Pelter's distillery looms up, the pleasant smoke givin ashoorence uv a unlimited supply uv likker, assendin gracefully to the heavens furever. Before me on a table is my bottle, half-full, and I sit serenely and contemplate it, with a cigar in my lips (I don't hev to smoke pipes any more), takin a sip therefrom ever and anon ez near ez nacher calls.

The people uv the Corners bein addictid to remittin money reglerly to the Loozeaner lottery, I hev an endless flow uv money, tho the amounts is not ez large ez I cood wish. However I capchered enuff yisterday to pay Bascom $10 on account, and that re-established confidence with him, and my credit at his bar is ez sound ez I cood wish. I shel pay him another installment when I git my first quarter's salary, wich will keep it on indefinitely.

Ez to the conduck uv the offis, I am runnin it on the striktest possible clusnis to the civil servis reform rools. Our exslent President so directed me and I am observin his wishes, wich I do with pleasure, ez they are fully in akkord with my own noshuns. I very much desired to retane the old employees, but I coodent. No man kin be responsible for a public offis onless his subordinates are in akkord with him, and the old ones wuzn't. Fr'instance, the man wich took the males from the postoffis to the stashen at Seceshnville, wuz a wun-armed Fedrel soljer. I askt him to be a delegate to the Dimocratik congressional convenshun, and pledge hisself to support the nominee, wich he refoosed to do, remarkin in the most brootal manner that he'd see me d—d fust, and then he wooden't.

Uv course I coodent stand any sich insubordinashen ez that, and orf went his hed, and I appintid in his place a Confedrit soljer wich is in perfeck akkord with me and the admistrashen. The former incumbent wuz of no earthly yoose to Bascom, he never asked me to take suthin and wuz payin for a house and lot out uv his salery. In short he wuz no Dimikrat, and of course he hed to go. The noo man appintid is one uv us, and the mule he presentid me with, jist afore I appinted him, wich I sold fur $80, cum in mity handy jist ez the winter wuz comin on and I wantid sum hevy cloze. I hev a overcoat now fur the fust time in 20 yeers.

My assistant wuz also a disabled Fedrel soljer, and I didn't dare to retane him becoz uv the differences in opinyun betwixt us, and also becoz Bascom demandid his hed, and the puttin of a brother-in-law uv his in the place, wich I did for the improvement uv the servis. I wantid intelligence in the posishen. The noo assistant lays on my table all the letters wich he suspex uv contanin money.

Ther ain't nothin like civil servis reform, and ez it is practised by the present administrashen I don't see how any Dimocrat kin objeck to it.

The postmasters uv this seckshun hold a meetin next week, at my offis, to take an enoomerashen uv the route agents on the railroads in this seckshun. They are, ez yit, mostly Republikins, and many uv em hev held ther places for 20 yeers. In the interest uv civil servis reform we shel insist upon bouncin every blastid one uv em, and puttin good, substanshel Dimocrats ther places, fust, that we may hev their assistance at the eleckshuns, and second, the whisky shops on the lines want ther salaries. We must hev the employes uv the government in akkord with me and the President, and how kin that be ef they are all Republikins?

I believe in civil servis reform, pervided yoo tack onto the head and tale uv it that good old Demekratic war-cry, "To the Victors B'long the Spoils." Carry out that ijee, and I will endorse any set uv civil servis reform resoloosheus that kin be writtenand presentid.

It is pleasant in one's old age, when one is in the sere and yeller leef, when sleepin in barns is injoodishus and skirmishin around close-lines for cleen linen at 12 at nite in a climit wich hez frost, it is pleasant I say at that time uv life, to be well fixed, to hev a comfortable bed, and unlimited credit at Bascom's, with everything conformin. Now that I kin pay, or promise to pay, with some prospeck that the promise will be carried out, I am wunst more a man uv inflooence at the Corners and lookt up to. Bascom is glad to see me and the citizens uv the Corners greet me heartily. Troo, too many uv em are presentin bills at me but I kin put em off easily. I tell em to wait till I git my fust quarter's salery, and that quiets em. Uv course I shan't pay, then, but I hev three months immoonity from greef, anyhow. I am a solid administrashen man, and Grover Cleveland is my candidate in 1888.

Proudly, PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.
(wich is Postmaster).

P. S.—I hev made a list, myself, uv 28 route agents, all uv wich served in the Fedrel army, wich will hev to go to make places for honest Dimocrats wich served in the Confedracy, sevrel uv wich wuz John Morgan's trustid men, wich suffered into rade thro Ohio. We make these changes under the civil servis rools uv course. P. V. N.

BASCOM DISCOURSES ON LIQUOR SELLING.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky,)
Orgust 1, 1886.

I proposed to Bascom last nite that he take me into partnership, on the strength uv the appintment uv wich I am now ashoored, ez soon ez the President gits to it, sejestin that I mite move the postoffis into his grosery and thus attrack a large trade. I also sejested that I cood tend the bar while he wuz out, and, at all evence releeve him uv a great deel uv work by helpin myself when I wanted a refresher.

To my surprise, Bascom declined to consider the proposishen, remark-

in that he didn't think the trade wood stand two sich industrious drinkers.

In the course uv the conversashon Bascom rewarkt as follows:

"Likker-sellin looks like a mity profitable biznis, but it ain't alluz. It hez its drorbax. Yoo see yer customers don't live long enuff to make the biznis ez profitable ez it shood be. Jest ez yoo git a man fairly fixed so that he hez to hev hiz likker regler, he gits so that he won't work, and consekently don't hev money to satisfy his appetite. That's the trubble. Wat good to me is a man with a healthy longin for stimulants, and with no money to pay for it? Ef I cood find a likker wich wood make a man drink without destroyin his capassity for laber, it wood do, for then he cood earn money every day, and spend it every nite in my bar, and it wood be pleasant. But it don't work that way. Ef a man gits drunk Saturday nite and stays drunk all day Sunday, he isn't wuth a straw for laber Monday, and ef he gits down to biznis by Thursday he is doing perty well. So, you see, half his time is lost, and his capassity for payin for likker is curtaled by the very likker he drinks. This bustin a man's sistem by stimulants cuts me out uv a good 50 per cent uv wat there shood be in the biznis.

"And then another trubble is that every now and then a regler customer gits a foolish spasm, and goes and squanders a part uv his earnings on his wife and children. I see only yesterday the little girl uv one uv my best customers go by in a noo calico dress and a noo pair uv shoes wich I know he hed paid for, for he hezn't bin in my place for four days. And the money wich he pair for them shoes and that caliker dress wood hev bin in my till by this time ef he hedn't squandered it in that onjustifiable way. Wat rite hed he to do it? Ef his little girl wanted noo shoes and a dress, why didn't his wife git the money by washin and sich? I hate to see noo shoes and noo caliker dresses on the little gals uv my customers. It is jist so much robbed from me.

"And then the trubble we hev with likker don't end with this sort uv thing. When a man hez drunk too much he won't work. The appetite for likker ought to end with a man's capassity for payin for it, but it don't. He must hev it whether he works or not. And so he cums in and demands credit, and wat are yoo goin to do? Ef yoo refoose him likker the poor devil mite git his stummick heeled, and mite, possibly, come to a pint wher he wooden't want it all, wich wood be rooinous. So yoo hev to give it to him on tick, to keep his stummick properly inflamed, so that when he does git to work he will continner to contribbit. Inasmuch ez wat he earns when he is at work comes to me anyhow, he never hez any surplus to pay off old scores, and the result is the loss uv wat yoo hev advanced. A skore wunst run up alluz stays run up.

"Another trubble with us is the fites wich is inseperable from likker. The breakin uv chares, and glasses, and sich, don't count, but when one uv yoor best customers gits his hed broken so he hez to stay in bed a week, and can't git to yoor bar at all, that is hart-rendin. And when they git to shootin! I shel never forgit how I felt when I saw 'Lish Pogram, the Deekin's oldest son, curled up on this floor, with a hole thro his forehead, with Pete Gavitt, Issaker's oldest brother, a standin over him with his pistol smokin. 'Lish Pogram wuz ez ded ez a door nale, and he wuz wuth to me at leest $300 a yeer. And to finish up the disaster, they sent Pete to the penitentiary for life for a killin uv him, and ther went another $300 a year. Pete committed sooicide before he hed bin ther a yeer,

for he and 'Lish hed alluz bin good frends, and killin uv him when he wuz drunk kinder preyed onto his mind.

"However, I hev done well enuff, and don't kick. I hev a mortgage onto most uv the farms hereabouts, which, while they don't pay interest on their notes, it amounts to the same thing, as they spend all the money they make at my bar anyhow. I hev a mortgage on their laber, that is, the laber uv their wives and children.

"The reglers die too soon, but there is the childern comin up, and that is a shoor resource. They clame the rite to go wher ther dads go, and they cum. They cum shoor. And ez their stumicks is fresh, for a few yeers they kin stand a great deel uv likker, and still do a tollable day's work. It is a sad fact that yer old customers die off mity fast; but the young 'uns cum in to take ther places, and they sort o' keep the thing runnin.

"But yoo'd never do fur the biznis, Parson, never. It requires, to keep a bar at the Corners, a cool head, and absloot abstenance, till after the bar is closed. Yoo want to know who to trust and who not; yoo want to know when to interfere in a fite, and when not, and yoo want, above all, not to drink up yoor cappytle yoorself. Yoo good never do fur the biznis, never."

Come to think on't, Bascom is rite, and, further, I don't keer about it. I git all I need uv him on tick, and any more wood be sooperflooous. I am content. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, (Waitin).

MR. NASBY ENFORCING CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Postoffis, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
November 26, 1886.

In pursuance uv my dooties ez politikle inspector uv Fedrel offisholders, I went over to Noo Washington, in Carlisle's deestrik, to put a postmaster there thro a course of sprouts on civil servis reform. He hed bin violatin the civil servis rools by makin speeches doorin the late campane, and justly cum under the hed uv offensive partisanship in my opinyun. However I wantid to be absolutely shoor uv my grounds, and so, disregardin roomers, I went to investigate him.

I may say heer that he is and alluz hez bin a Republikin, wich wood hev bin bounced long ago, only ther happens to be no Dimocrat in the naberhood wich kin reed and rite, wich qualificashens seem to be necessary to bein postmaster.

I found the man in the offis, sortin out the two letters and one noosepaper wich comes to that place.

I asked him the necessary questions ez to his makin speeches doorin the campane, to wich, in the most brazin manner, he ansered that he did make speeches.

"Wuz they for or agin the adminstrashen?"

"They wuz most ashooredly 'agin the adminstrashen. I 'blonged to the 3d Kentucky, Fedrel regiment." (He emfasized the word "Fedrel," wich I notid down).

"Kin yoo give me a report uv one uv yoor speeches?"

"Certainly," sed he, "I hed it printed and cirkelatid all over the deestrik."

I took a few copies and went back to the Corners and made my report to His Highness, the President, in wich I sot forth that the culprit hed

yoosed his offishl posishen, in pollytix, that he hed made speeches twict a day with purely partisan intent, and that under the civil servis rools he shood be to-wunst removed. I enclosed the speech that His Highness mite see for hisself. The President with a promptnis wich cannot be too hily commended, sent him his walkin-papers the same day he reseeved my report, to wich the cuss had the impoodence to reply.

He quoted from his highnesses gineral order that every citizen had undoubtedly the rite to be a citizen, and take part in polytickin, and that he hed dun nothin more. And then he went on to say:

"Ef I am to be removed fur makin politikle speeches, why did yoo reinstate ole Nasby at the Corners, wich made more speeches nor I did, and besides speeches acted on a knockin down committee at the poles, and actilly committed assault and battery on every small Republikin wich offered to vote. Ef my offense is 'offensive partisanship,' wat wuz hizzen? Wat is sass for the goose must be sass for the gander. Ez he wuz reinstated, so I shood be."

The President's anser wuz the most convinsin one I ever red. He sed:

"It is troo Mr. Nasby did make speeches, ez yoo did, and did knock down and drag out, wich yoo didn't. But there is a difference wich yoo will note. Mr. Nasby's speeches wuz all in favor uv the administrashen, and yoors wuz all agin the administrashen. Mr. Nasby compared me, the hed uv the administrashen with Washinton and Jeffson—yoo spoke disparaginly uv me, characterizin me in one place, ef I remember rightly, ez a 'chump,' and sayin that I wuz the fust President wich cood button his coller and slip it over his hed. To term me a chump and make remarks concernin the pyramidikle shape uv my hed is little short uv high treason, and I ain't shoor but yoo shood be arrestid and tried for it.

"Mr. Nasby strove to make the people contentid with me. Yoo did yoor level best, to convince em they wantid suthin better. He endorsed me; yoo criticised me. His partisanship wuz not offensive—to me—yoors wuz. Them wich eats the bread and butter uv the administrashen must support the administrashen. That's my ijee uv civil servis reform.

"I trust yoo will comperhend the difference. Offensive partisanship is aboosin me—to make speeches endorsin me is the highest form uv patriotism wich I know uv.

"Ef yoo hedn't referred to me at all, and confined your discushn to the tariff, ez Stone, uv Pennsylvany, did, f'rinstance, it wood hev bin jist ez bad. To discuss anything without ringin me in, is to imply that I ain't wuth discussin. Fedrel offis-holders must discuss me, but they must do it in the rite way. I must be supported, and neither opposed or ignored. I must be treated ez a ishoo, a livin ishoo.

"I cannot reinstate yoo. Ef I cannot find a Dimocrat who loves me, wich kin rede and rite, to fill the place, I shel direct the postmaster general, wich is not a offensive partisan, to abolish the offis. It is better that the people shood do without mail facilities than to hev their faith in me upsot by fedrel offis-holders."

The offis wuz closed, and thus one stane on the President's scutcheon wuz wiped out. The Dimocrisy will hev more confidence in him when they cum to know him better.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Wich is Postmaster),
And Inspector uv Fedrel Offis-Holders.

MR. NASBY'S VOICE IS FOR WAR.

Postoffis, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 5, 1887.

"Ther is a Providence wich shapes our ends, ruff-hew em ez we may." It is a blessed thing that jist at the time wen we, the Dimocrisy, need suthin to create a stir to kivver wat we promist to do, but hevn't dun, and likewise wat we promist not to do but sollumly hev dun, this codfish question comes up, and a war with Canady is thretened. A brisk little war, suthin the size uv that with Mexico, wood be a godsend to me and the President. It wood okkepy the attenshun uv the people, and take ther peercin and uncumfrable gaze offen us.

For my part I shood prefer a war with Canady to one with any other kentry on the globe, becoz I know all about Canady.

I commenst the explorashen uv Canady immejitly after the hidjus goriller A. Linkin ordered the fust draft, in 1862. I wuz then a citizen uv Noo Jersey, wher I hed bin votin reglerly the Dimekratic tikkit with grate zeel and vigger ever sence I wuz 18 yeers old. It wuz a bizzy life I led eleckshun times. After votin ez many times ez I cood in my own state, it wuz hey for Noo York, on a fast trane, and ther I exercised my rites ez a freeman ez often ez the managers cood make yoose uv me.

When the draft wuz ordered I swore never to fite in a fratrisidle struggle with the Dimocrisy uv the South, and seven uv us wich hed bin drord in the draft, left fur the West. The world will never know wat we suffered or the sacrifices we made. We wuz headed off at Buffalo, and cooodn't get across into Canady there. Pennilis and without meens, hevin by this time got weery uv bein dropped orf the hind end uv tranes by onfeelin conductors, we walked, abslootly walked, all the way to Detroit. Ther we found ourselves blocked agin. The ferry wuz guarded, and besides we hedn't the five cents each nessary to pay our fares across.

But the avenger uv blood wuz behind us. We hed bin drord and the tyranikle government wuz after us. We went down the river a few miles and stole a boat, and in that frale bark, one tempeschus nite, we made our way across. The waves run mountain high, the thunder roared and the litenin flashed, and we wuz thretened with deth in the most terrible form, but feelin that deth under the bloo waters uv the Detroit river wuz preferable to servin in a army uv hirelins agin our friends, we persevered. "Wat does it differ," we sed, "whether we perish here or in the South a few weeks later!"

Surmountin all danger, we finally landed on Canajen soil, and wuz under the protectin keer uv the tale uv the British lion.

We wuz safe from our pursuers, safe from the bloo-koted minyuns uv that feend Linkin, and safe from the bullets uv our friends.

I can't say that I liked the Canajens. They sympathised with the South in a ginral way, but they didn't sympathise very much with draft eggsiles. They didn't comperhend the feelins wich animated us. Wat we swore wuz patriotism they sot down to actooal cowardice. And then complaints immejitly went up about hen-roosts and cloze-lines and sich. We lived for a while tolerably well, but when the citizens met and appointed a poultry and cloze-line poleese, armed with shot-guns, the sitooashen became serious, and we wuz compelled to go to work.

Our condishn wuz not materially improved. Wat difference is there between a shot-gun in the hands uv a stalwart Canajen and a rifle in the hands uv a vishus Yank?

And so we wuz compelled to go to work or starve, and as no Canajen wood give us employment, we wuz compelled to chop wood for a nigger wich hed run away from Kentucky some yeers afore, wich remarkt, ez he looked us over, that he wuzn't ez pertikeler ez the white Canajens, that he cood stand almost enything so he got his wood chopped.

I figgered to git even with him, by loafin, but he wuz too smart fur that. He announst that he paid by the cord, and measured the wood hisself! Sich is the irony uv fate! Me a-workin fur a nigger, a-workin by the peece, and the nigger measurin the work at that. It wuz a bitter eggsperience, but I survived it.

I cood be yooseful to our forces in that part uv Canady ez a scout. In the yeer I lived ther I learned every by-road on wich farmers lived wich hed chickens and young pigs, and ez my recognoisances wuz alluz made after 11 p. m., I know the entire kentry, and kin go anywher in the darkest nite. Sich informashen is invallyble to a army uv okkepashen, and ez sich a guide I shood volunteer, pervided the pay wuz suffishent. I know, also, the locashen uv all the distilleries wher the famus Canajen malt whisky is made, and I know eggsackly where to go for the farmers wich hev the best cellars and smoke-houses. I know Canady very well, that is, the part across the river from Detroit.

These reminiscences are some times sad and sometimes not so sad. I shudder when I think wat we went thro, but I feel better when I think uv the reward we hev finelly attained. Every one uv the seven wich underwent all this suffrin to avoid the unholy and tiranikle draft is a livin to-day, and every one uv em, singler ez it may seem, is now a post master under his eggslency, Grover Cleveland.

After 25 years uv deprivashen and suffrin, every wun uv us wuz appointed to a livin offis, ez a tardy reward fur wat we suffered doorin the grate fratisidle strife.

Hevin bin thus rewarded and it hevin bin demonstrated that a sympathizer with the Confedrasy hez rites under the government, it wood be ongrateful not to do in return wat is possible fur the government. I shel volunteer myself, pervided a place sootable to my declinin yeers and increasin appetite is tendered me, and I am shoor the others will also on the same condishns. Ef the old-fashioned way uv makin war by sackin towns and plunderin houses wuz in vogue, I wood go without any condishns, for when it comes to liftin things, ef I can't take keer uv myself, why I am willin to die poor, but ez that hez gone out uv date, I must keer for myself otherwise.

While I reely don't know wat it is about, I want war declared immejitly.

My voice is fur war, for in these times uv commoshun nobody kin know who or wat is to rise to the top. My chances are ez good ez anybody's. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M., (Bloodthirsty).

WHY WE SHOULD GO TO WAR WITH MEXICO.

Postoffis, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Feb. 14, 1887.

I hev bin givin this subjick uv war a great deel uv thot for the past two weeks, and hev experenced a change uv hart onto it. I hev come

to the conclooshun that the Dimocrisy want a war and want one bad. We want a war on the same prinsiple that when a Cross Roader hez fever and ager he don't mind the biles he hez onto him. Jes so! Ef we kin git into a war the kentry will forgit the sins uv omishn and comishn we otherwise shel hev to akkount for.

We want a war fur other reesons. In civil life ther aint enuff offices to go around, and a army, no matter how small, must hev a full complement of offisers. Ther are hundreds uv thousands uv conshienshus Dimocrats this minit beseegin His Eggslency for places wich they hev bin watin fur, lo these 25 yeers, wich he hezn't got to satisfy em. Yoo can't put ten men into one place, no matter how much work they did in '84, nor kin yoo go to work and create nine more civil offisis, fur them wich must be left.

A healthy war wood solve this delikit problem. How gladly wood nine applicance fur a given offis turn it over to wun, and take sutlerships, quartermasterships and commissaryships in the army in lew thereof? How many uv these wood be satisfied to be Brigadeers? Uv course the people wood howl that the purely military offises shood be filled by Fedrel vetrans uv the late war, who knowd suthin, but that wood be impossible. They are mostly Republikins, and we cood appint enuff Confedrits to these offices to furnish the experience. With an army uv 20,000 men, I meen rank and file, I think that me and the President cood furnish 20,000 hungry Dimocrats with places, besides an ekal number that it wood give us the basis to stand off with promises.

Oh, wat a releef that wood be to His Eggslency! Wat bliss it wood be to hev 40,000 hungry Dimocrats entirely satisfied!

While I want a war, I don't want it with Canady. The Canajens hev a good skool system, and are not the kind uv people to make Dimocrats uv. They are largely Scotch Presbyterians, they are, ez a rool, sober, church-goin people, and they hev no espeshl love fur the controllin prinsiples uv the Dimocrisy. Troo, slavery is ded, but the flaver uv it remanes, and a Canajen wood fite shy uv any fackshen wich hed the smell uv it onto his garmence. Then they don't carve each other with knives, or perforate each other with pistol balls, and altogether they ain't a cussid bit shivelrus, and woodent affiliate with us. A Scotch, Irish or English Canajen wood not be comfortable in a Dimocratic convenshun.

I very much feer that Canady, shood she be annexed, wood cut up into a skore uv Republican states, and that it wood be a damage to us instid uv a benefit.

But there's Mexico! There's fatnis! There's a populashen that wood jist soot us. They don't hev any eddicashen, any morals, ez we count morals, or anything else, ceptin untold wealth, and we want wealth mor'n we do morals. They knife each other at fandangoes, they drink like fish, and ez the rank and file uv the people are ignorant they cood be led ez easily ez we cood wish.

Then, again, the Canajens wood want to fill all the offises therselves, becoz they are uv a stubborn nacher and woodent brook hevin outsiders cum in and take all them places. They speak English and are uv the same race as us-uns.

But it's quite diffrent with the Mexicans. We shood to-wunst bargin with their leaders, wich wood hev to be provided for, and the offises they didn't want we shood fill ourselves. Wat a vishn opens to my vew! Wat —well, give me a place in Mexico and see if ever I stane my hands with the labor uv borrerin a dollar agin.

When men go for gain, they dig down, not up. Gold is downward, and so is coal oil and fish. These elemence uv wealth is not in the clouds. Wicked men look downward—at Hallelloojy meetins the ecstatic sole wich hez bin justified looks upward with rapcher. The wicked man is lookin for gane, wich is incompatible with goodnis. We are after gane, consekently we want Mexico, wich to us is downward, and not Canady, wich is upward.

My choice is fur a war, not with Canady, but with Mexico. To México I turn my lurid and warlike face. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.

THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Postoffice, Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
Aug. 12, 1887.

In a recent copy uv a Dimicratic Looisville paper, Deekin Pogram, wich hed a cousin wich cood read at his house, found a artikle wich demanded the immejit repeel uv all taxes onto the "necessities uv life," and wich stated that them wuz the sentimence uv the President and must be made a part and parsel uv Dimocrisy, and that we must go into the next campane with that ez our rallying cry.

The Deekin riz up and remarkt to his cousin, "Wat do I hear? Repeel the taxes on the necessaries uv life, so ez to redoose ther cost to the opprest people! That is suthin like!"

And he rusht down to the village, and without consultin me, or enybody else, immejitly tooted the horn fur a meetin at the meetin-house, to ashoor the President uv the sympathy uv the Dimocrisy uv the Corners in this movement, anyhow.

I hurried over to the meetin-house ez soon ez I heerd uv it, and found it packed with the Dimocrisy, all uv wich wuz in a state uv jubilashen at the prospeck the Deekin held out to em. I forgive the innocent old saint for hevin called the meetin without consultin me, and immejitly assoomed the cheer, that it mite be legle.

I red the artikle to the assemblage, and various commence wuz made onto it. Deekin Pogram remarkt that the President and the party behind him, in takin a bold stand to remove all taxes upon the necessaries uv life, hed showd ther devoshun to the reel interests uv the people. The internal revenoo tax onto whisky wuz a outrage upon the Dimocrisy wich deserved the reprobashen uv every citizen uv the Cross Roads. It wuz that infernal tax wich kep the price per drink up to ten cents, when, in the resent prices for crops, five wuz all that shood be exacted. (Enthoosiastic cheerin.) With that tax removed, likker cood be retailed at five cents, and plug tobacker could be sold at half the price now demanded. (More enthusiastic cheerin.)

Issaker Gavitt sed that the effeck uv this nessary legislachen wood be far-reechin. With likker redoosed acrost the bar to five cents, the citizens uv the Cross Roads mite do either save some money or he cood drink twict ez much ez he does now. In either case it wood be a sweet boon. Likker a nickle! He hed never hoped to git back to them halcyon days agin!

Joe Bigler remarkt that he quite agreed with the meetin in takin the tax, whether to be a tariff or internal revenoo, offen the nessaries uv life, but that we hed made a slite mistake ez to the President's ijee ez to wat wuz the nessaries uv life.

"Why, wat cood it be but likker and terbacker?" murmured the Deekin.

"Wat they meen by the nessaries uv life," replied the feend Bigler, "is sich things ez sugar, coffee, cloths uv all kinds, and sich things."

"The merry hell they do!" exclamed Issaker Gavitt, "is them things wat they call nessaries?"

"I can't bleeve it," sed the good old Deekin, turnin pale. "I kin git along without sugar, tho I occashunally take a little in mine; and ez for them artikles, they cost me nothin in comparison with my likker and terbacker. I kin git on with next to nothin in the way uv cloze, but my regler sustaners I alluz hev hed and alluz must hev. This is a crooel disapintment. Is the tax to stay on likker?"

Josef replied sayin that the President wuz in ondoubtedly in favor uv retainin the tax onto likker, and removin it from the other articles menshund. "It wuz," he sed, "a gross injustis to the Dimocrisy of the Corners, for his frend Pollock, the store-keeper, cood testify that Bascom, with the single article uv likker, did fifty times the biznis that he did, wich delt in ginral goods. The females and children uv the Corners wuz accustomed to goin without cloze and shoes and sich, the tea and coffee markit languished, but the perceshun into Bascom's wuz unendin. It wuz Bascom wich hed mortgages onto all the farms, not Pollock. Wat good wuz it for the Dimocratic party to remove the tax from the articles wich the Dimocrisy uv the Corners never yoosed and retane it onto ther staples?"

I never saw the Dimocrisy so terribly eggscited in my life. The prospeck uv five-cent likker, wich glittered afore ther eyes for a minit, hed dazzled em, and to hev it extinguished in gloom wuz too severe a revulshen.

After more profanity than I hed herd for a age, they passed this resolooshen:

Wareas, We sposed when we heerd that the party wuz to adopt the polisy uv removin taxes from the nessaries uv life the party hed some noshun ez to wat a Kentucky nessity wuz; and

Wareas, Instid uv takin the tax off likker and terbacker, wich we do yoose, it is proposed to take it off close and spices and sich, wich we don't keer a d—n about, hevin no yoose for sich; therefore be it

Resolved, That the tax on likker and the simler tax onto terbacker, keepin up the retale price uv likker to ten cents a drink, and watered at that, is a outrage agin wich the Dimocrisy uv the Corners protest.

Resolved, That the Dimocratic party ain't a Methodis church by a d—n site, and that it shood legislate for its people ez it finds em; that to remove the tax from cloths, caliker, shoes, sugar, spices and sich, and retain it on likker is to legislate for the niggers over at Libertyville, and to fasten the burdens uv the government entirely on us, wich we won't stand.

Resolved, That a copy uv these resolooshens be sent to Grover Cleveland and our member uv Congris, with the rekest that they be heeded.

The meetin then adjourned to Bascom's, where the discushn wuz continyood till late into the nite.

I must say I sympathise with the citizens uv the Corners. Ther ain't no dispootin the fact that ten dollars is spent for likker and terbacker here wher one is for the calico and other artikles off uv wich the tax is perposed to be taken. Now that I am payin cash for my likker, I shood like to see it redoost to five cents per drink, ez it wood give me twice the quantity, or enable me to save a part uv my salary. When I hed it charged the price made no difference, but now it does. I am willin that this shood be made a ishoo.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
(Wich is, cash payin postmaster).

D. R. Locke.

THE LAST TWO NASBY LETTERS.

MR. NASBY DISCOURSES ON THE TARIFF.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
December 12, 1887.

Yisterday I reseeved the follerin dispatch:

Washington, Dec. 11, 1887.

To the P. M. at the Cross Roads:
In the intrest uv civil servis reform, the appointees uv the President are expectid to see that his utterances are endorsed. See to this p. d. q. LAMONT.

A wink is ez good ez a nod to a blind hoss, and I immejitly called a meetin uv the Dimocrisy at the old meetin house, and then set to work reedin the message uv his eggslency, and studyin the pints wich I wanted to elaborate. I alluz like to be prepared so ez to be effective. I hate goin off half-cocked.

The pint wich struck me with the greatest force wuz the assershun that the present inikitus tariff forst the opprest and sufferin people to pay for goods above wat they shood, jist the amount uv the tariff levied, wich levy went to bild up oppressive monopolies; wich is to say, that on every dollar's wuth uv English goods wich we bot we paid, addishnel to the dollar, forty or watever per cent the inikitus tariff imposed. Ef it was forty per cent, we paid for the dollar's wuth $1.40, and ef fifty per cent, a dollar and a half, and so on.

Ez I teech best by illustrashen, the minit I got this fact fixed in my mind I perceded to arrange my illustrashen.

I hev bustid, afore now, by not bein fully prepared.

I closed up the office and stepped out to Bascom's to get a nip to stiddy my mind, wich I took, payin him for it. I am payin cash half the time for my drinks now, and actilly payin suthin (ez little ez possible) on old account. Steppin out into the street, who shood I see comin out uv Oppenheimer's clothin store but Sim Gavitt, a nigger wich belonged to Squire Gavitt afore he wuz robbed uv him by Linkin, and wich hez the gineral cast uv the Gavitt feechers, so much so ez to perdoos a coolnis betwixt the old Squire and his wife, yeers ago. Sim wuz drest from top to toe in a entire noo soot uv cloze, hevin his old ones done up in a paper wich he kerried in his hand.

A ijee struck me to-wunst.

"Sim," sed I, "wood a dollar indoose yoo to cum to a meetin to-nite, and wear them cloze?"

"Is yoo to speak?" he asked.

"Sartin," sed I.

"A dollar's purty cheep—make it a dollar 'n 'alf and it's a go."

"An yoo will git up and come forrerd and be talked at when I call yoo?"

"Yes."

"It's a go. Be on hand early, and ware them cloze."

"All rite, boss."

The evenin come, the horn wuz tooted, and the Dimocrisy filed out uv Bascom's, and filled the house to overflowin. I red the message to em, and seezin upon the central ijee uv it, that the consoomer wuz taxed to fill the pockits uv the bloatid manoofactoorer, worked em up to a fit uv desperashen, wich wuz singler, ez the cloze on the entire seckshun uv the Dimekratic party in that meetin-house woodent hev inviced at that minit fifty dollars. However, I hev notist that the man whose sole possession is a yaller dog, and whose wife takes in washin to support him, is the heftiest complaner uv the burdens uv taxashen. I myself hev done suthin toward settlin the nashnel debt.

The time fur my illustrashen wich wuz to clench things hed come. "I wish to make a practicle illustrashen," I sed. "I see Simeon Gavitt in the awjence, with a noo soot uv cloze on. Will Simeon step forrerd?"

Sim walked up, rather embarrassed at bein the best drest man in the room.

"Yoo notis this soot uv cloze, my friends. I ain't jist shoor wat the tariff is on woolen goods, buttons, thred and sich, but I will presoom that it averages sixty per cent. Estimatin the home valyoo uv the goods at say $20, my friend Simeon wuz compelled to add to that $12, wich hez run up the cost uv the cloze, makin and all, to suthin like $32, the difference between the cost to him under the present infamus system and wat it wood be ef that soot hed bin admitted free of dooty, bein——"

"Praps dat's so boss," spoke up the cussid nigger, "de tariff, ez yoo call it, may hev cost me all dat, but de fack is I only paid $10.50 fur de entire outfit!"

"Wat!" ejackilatid I.

"Dot is de cold fact in de case," piped up Oppenheimer, who wuz sittin in the awjence. "De droubles mit yoo is, dot soot don't happen to be English goots. It's mostly Yank. De wool wuz growd in Ohio, the linins wuz made in Connecticut, the thread in Massychoosits, the buttons in Philadelphy, dose masheens on wich dey vos mate vos mate in Connecticut oof Penrsylvany steel, and the cloze wuz made in Cincinnati by mine brudder-in-law, and solt by me to Simon. It's Yank all uv de way from de sheep's back to the man wat hez em on, and de goots is better goots dan effer vas mate in England. I hev a store full uv em, at de same price—for cash."

"Wat!" I shrieked, "ain't them English goods?"

"Nod a bit oof it. We don't buy English goots no more. Gombedihsen at home ish altogedder too strong."

"Yoo kin sit down," I remarkt to Simon. "Ther seems to be suthin wrong in this somewhere. Opprest by the tariff, and buyin a soot uv cloze for $10.50!"

I bustid this time by bein too well prepared. But I rose ekal to the emergency. I alluz do.

"My Democratic friends," I remarked, "the fault in this matter isn't with the President or me. The trouble is that Simeon Gavitt wood go and buy Amerikin goods instid uv English, and ther bein no dooty at all on Amerikin goods, it appears they come cheaper. It hez the appearance,

this tariff, uv al sort o' barrin out uv furrin goods, and makin sich ez we yoose here to home. I coodent be expectid to know that, ez I hevn't paid for any cloze sence Androo Jonson's time, and consekently wuz never pertikeler ez to the price. But it doesn't alter the prinsiple. We want English goods, it appears, and we don't want Amerikin goods, and our veneratid hed hez so declared. Wat is our bounden dooty, then, ez Dimocrats? Ef he sez we are robbed we must be robbed. Therefore every good Dimocrat will buy English goods and pay the infamus dooty on em, and groan under the tyranny uv monopoly. Then the iron will enter his sole, and he will rise in his mite, et cetry.

"I know his eggslency is rite, for every paper in England approves uv his message. Ef ther wuz ez much yoonanimity this side uv the water in approvin his vews that ther is on tother, it wood be clean sailin. In consekence uv the barrin out uv English goods from Ameriky, the English operatives and capitalists hev bin sufferin fer yeers. In the interest uv broad hoomanity we want to transfer that sufferin to Ameriky. We want to let down the bars and let furrin goods flood in, for England sez we do, and English manoofactoorers are willin to pay librelly for hevin it done."

I hev got to study up this matter uv free trade and tariff, for my fust essay don't seem to be entirely satisfactory. Ther must be some reezen for free trade, tho I hevn't jist struck it ez yit.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P. M.,
And fur free trade and sailers' rites.

MR. NASBY'S PLAN OF REDUCING THE SURPLUS.

Confedrit X Roads,
(Wich is in the State uv Kentucky),
December 26, 1887.

We hev a bein in the Cross Roads, wich his name is Gogsby, wich is our only Mugwump, thank Heaven. Gogsby is wun uv them men wich wuz born with a bile under the seet of ther trowsis, wich a cold world is constantly runnin aginst, makin uv em oneasy, perpetooally, ez a candidate jist afore eleckshun. He wuz a Republikin, wich is to say he votid for the hirelin Linkin, in 1860, becoz uv corruphen in the Democratic party, and hez bin votin the Democratic ticket half the time sence, to poorify the Republikin party. He is wun uv them reformers wich belong to wun party and alluz votes with the other. He leaves his party to purify it, wich sich fellers alluz do jist to the extent uv their gittin out.

I knowd he wood vote for Cleveland, and I knowd ther wood be no peece till he got a offis.

Gogsby hed heerd that I wuz to be allowd a depitty, and he lost no time in puttin in a applicashen for the posishen. He sot up a clame that he hed bin uv material assistance in the eleckshun uv Cleveland, and under the civil servis rools he wuz entitled to the place. "I mite," sed he, "hev lade clame to the postoffis itself with perfeck propriety, but I recognized yoor sooperior clames to the place, and am content with a subordinate posishen. Yoo hev the apple—I am entitled, at leest, to the core."

I answered Gogsby by relatin a anecdote. I wunst saw two boys struggling over a apple wich hed escaped from a farmer's wagon. The biggest boy thrust the littlest aside, and capcherd the prize, when the little wun whined, "Well, Jim, yoo hev the apple—at leest yoo'll give me the core."

"Samyooel," sed the big boy, drivin a magnificent set uv teeth strate

thro the center uv the froot, "I do not think ther ain't agoin to be any core.'

"Ef I am permitted the sweet boon uv a deppitty, I see no reason why I shoodent put a name on the salary list, and dror that salery myself. The surplus wood be redoosed that way ez fast ez any other, woodent it?"

Mr. Gogsby will not git the deputyship, ef I know myself, any more than the Mugwumps git sich things in the East. Each indivijjile Mugwump kerried wat wuz under his own hat, and we ain't payin for sich slite servises. Ruther give us Barney McGinnis with his gin mills in the lower wards. He actilly controles votes, and is entitled to offishl boodle.

Besides all this, our throats hez bin so stretched by the long years uv expectancy that I ruther think the apples wich we hev picked up will slide down, cores and all, without the core bein noticed or espeshly distinguished. I know mine wood, ef my apple wuz all core.

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Speekin uv the surplus in the Trezury, wich is worryin the minds uv statesmen jist now, I see no okkashun for any worry at all. Go on and fix up the tariff ez yoo want it, without reference to surplus. A surplus is wat I want to tackle. I never tackled a surplus in my life. Ez a rool, the Dimocratic moonicipalities into wich I hev lived generally enjoyed concave treashuries. Deficiencies I hevv encountered a plenty, but never a surplus.

Now wat do we want to do? Cleerly a surplus isn't Dimekratic, and must be got rid uv. It's eezy enuff.

Raise the salaries uv all postoffises, and uv all offishls uv every class. Increase the number uv deppitties, and don't be too pertikeler in auditin akkounts.

Inoggerate a system uv improvements in the impoverished South, when the Dimocratic party mostly is. Slack-water Seceshn Crik, and fence it in so that cattle may not impede navigation by drinkin the water held in reserve. Dot the South with custom-houses and postoffises, and see that only Dimekrats uv good standin git contrax.

Pay off Southern clames for war damages, and likewise penshun Suthern soljers the same as Northern, alluz datin penshuns back to the date uv volunteerin or bein drafted. Ther are other ways uv reduckshen, but this is my ijee in gineral.

I am entirely satisfied that ef the kentry will keep us in power four years more ther will be no okkasion fur komment as to any surplus. It will melt gradually, nay, rapidly. I wonder that there is a dollar in the treshry now, but it must be remembered that we hevn't got controle uv the Sennit yit.

Can't we be trusted with a surplus? Wuz there any surplus in the treasury in 1861, when we turned over the kentry to Linkin? Redoosin surplus comes naterally to us. It's our best holt.

Bascom remarked that he keered nuthin for the return uv the Southern flags, ez that wuz a peece uv se timent; but to increase my salery, wich he got anyhow, wuz suthin practicle. He wuz in favor uv that way uv redoosin the surplus.

I don't think ther is any occasion fur worryin about it just now.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
(Wich is Postmaster and likewise Surplus Redooser).

[THE END.]